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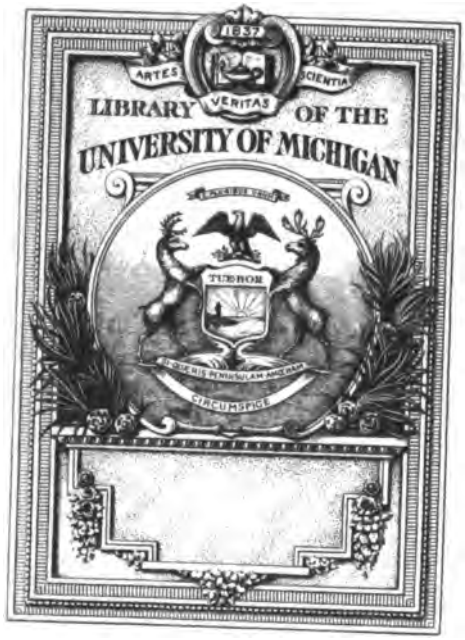

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1727-1907

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Care and Industry are shown in the preparation of this History. It is a valuable contribution to the Masonic literature of Pennsylvania.

Truly yours and fraternally,

James B. Krause,
Grand Master.

MARCH 12, 1919.

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PREFACE.

VOLUME One covers from 1727 to St. John's Day, 1781, and gives the beginning of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania as shown by the records of Lodge No. 2 as well as the services of our brethren in the Revolutionary War, having the great distinction of 16 Colonels, 10 Majors and 28 Captains, all members of Lodge No. 2 in the Continental Army, who all saw actual service and helped to obtain American Independence. That this patriotic spirit still animates the craft is shown by the statistics of this great world war. The State of Pennsylvania has one hundred and thirty-six thousand Master Masons in the Fraternity and has contributed over ten thousand of them to the Service of the United States. These brethren have left their usual vocations to serve their country. Some are in foreign lands, others are preparing to enter the branches of the Service to which they have been ordered. Wherever they have gone and whatever service they have performed we know they have done it loyally and well, and that the lessons taught in the various degrees will sustain and comfort them. Every power of our Organization and every force of our influence were marshalled at this critical period to serve mankind and to labor devotedly for its true welfare.

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The Fraternity has always served our country and its members have been ready to devote their time, energies and lives to the cause of Liberty, for which our flag stands.

Volume Second contains the Masonic History of Pennsylvania from 1781 to December, 1813, and this present volume, the third, is from 1813 to 1855, commencing with the War of 1812, the importance of which is not generally understood until it is realized that by it the United States obtained the rights for which the Revolution was fought. One of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry is loyalty to government and obedience to law and constituted authority, hence the anti-Masonic craze or Morgan excitement, as it was called, which existed 1826–1840, was uncalled for. The facts which are accurately given in the text of this volume show Lodge No. 2 under its Master in 1837–38–39, William Cummings, with the assistance of Brother John Thomson of Lodge No. 51, afterwards Grand Master, came together from time to time while the storm was at its highest, although there was a resolution upon the Secretary's desk to surrender its warrant, which finally was defeated. And it also plainly appears that the politicians of the anti-Masonic movement used false statements to poison the public mind and create a popular delusion to obtain votes for their cause and array the unthinking and misinformed against the Fraternity.

DeWitt Clinton was a candidate for governor. At that period he held all the important official stations in Masonry: R. W. Grand Master of New York, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and Grand Master of the General Encampment of the Knights Templar

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of the United States. It is stated a paper published in New York, called the *National Union,* was started for the sole purpose of helping his election as governor. The editor was Samuel H. Jenks, of Nantucket, Mass., who was Deputy Grand Master in 1825. On October 30, 1824, he printed the following notice:

"*Brethren*: Your former Grand Master is now a candidate for the support of the 'free and accepted.' De Witt Clinton, if there be any virtue in the cardinal principles of your faith, will receive your undivided suffrage for governor. It is in periods of trial, like the present, that the wisdom of Freemasonry has been exercised, its strength tested, and its beauty displayed. Amidst the dark ages of past time, the great lights of our Order, though often obscured, have never been extinguished. Shall they now be eclipsed by the 'introduction of strangers among the workmen?' Will you suffer the political edifice to be 'daubed with untempered mortar?' No, surely! The architect of your internal prosperity is before you. Enter warmly into the cause of your Brother—pass onward to the ballot boxes with the tokens of your zeal and fidelity—and by your united votes contribute to raise the state to that exalted rank to which she is so justly entitled.

(Signed),

"THE WIDOW'S SON."

This political appeal was grossly improper. It ought not to have been made, as it is contrary to Masonic principles, and we regret and deplore the fact it was done, but Brother Clinton was elected governor of New York in 1824 and was still in office in 1826 when Morgan disappeared.

The anti-Masonic Party in the United States had about 340,000 voters in all. In Maine it had about one thousand votes. Vermont was anti-Masonic and the only state carried by the party.

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Pennsylvania, to her discredit, held an anti-Masonic Convention September 11, 1830, and adopted a report of a committee that Morgan was foully murdered and demanded our Fraternity should be suppressed. The report gave the following reasons for the recommendation:

"To this government Freemasonry is wholly opposed. It requires unresisting submission to its own authority, in contempt of public opinion, the claims of conscience, and the rights of private judgment.

"The means of overthrowing Freemasonry cannot be found in any, or in all, of our executive authorities. They cannot be found in our judicial establishments.

"The only adequate corrective of Freemasonry—that prolific source of the worst abuses—is to be found in the right of election, and to this we must resort.

"Freemasonry ought to be abolished. It should certainly be so abolished as to prevent its restoration. No means of doing this can be conceived so competent as those furnished by the ballot boxes."

It was a most bitter fight, particularly because it had some foolish Presbyterian and Methodist ministers in it, misled by false statements but right and truth prevailed, as it always will in the end, which began in 1836, when the anti-Masonic Party held its last national convention. They called themselves the Christian Party in politics, and while they heard the truth refused to accept it, and as those kind of men always use every instrument at hand at their inspiration the Presbyterian Church responded in January, 1827, in Pittsburgh by the passage of a resolution condemning our Fraternity as unfit for professing Christians. They even went so far as to require its members to renounce Masonry, in which Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, the pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, was a leader. It is the one blot on his other-

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wise distinguished career. The more difficult for us to understand now from the fact that in 1836 Rev. John Chambers, the most prominent and distinguished Presbyterian clergyman of Philadelphia, became Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which position he occupied until 1874. The Congregationalists in New England also joined them, and that stampeded the Methodists, who lost their heads also, and the General Conference in 1823 not only prohibited their ministers becoming Masons, but did all in its power to aid the anti-Masonic Party. The Baptist Church could not be fooled and exercised better judgment than the Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists.

To the virulent abuse the Fraternity, conscious of its innocence, made no reply, but in 1831 Brother Charles W. Moore, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, prepared the following, which states the position of the Fraternity so accurately we cannot refrain from quoting it. It reflects great credit upon him and we venture to suggest the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should by appropriate action inform the craft of its everlasting debt to Brother Moore because at that period it required moral courage to do and say what he did:

"WHEREAS, it has been frequently asserted and published to the world that in the several degrees of FREEMASONRY, as they are enforced in the United States, the candidate, in his initiation and subsequent advancement, binds himself by oath to sustain his Masonic brethren in acts which are at variance with the fundamental principles of morality and incompatible with his duty as a good and faithful citizen, in justice therefore to themselves, and with a view to establish TRUTH and expose IMPOSITION, the undersigned, many of us the recipients of every degree of Freemasonry known and

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acknowledged in this country, do most SOLEMNLY DENY the existence of any such obligations in the MASONIC INSTITUTION, so far as our knowledge respectively extends. And we as SOLEMNLY AVER that no person is admitted to the Institution without first being made acquainted with the nature of the obligations which he will be required to incur and assume.

"FREEMASONRY secures its members in the freedom of thought and of speech, and permits each and everyone to act according to the dictates of his own conscience in matters of religion, and of his personal preferences in matters of politics; it neither knows, nor does it assume to inflict upon its erring members, however wide may be their aberration from duty, and penalties or punishments other than those of ADMONITION, SUSPENSION and EXPULSION.

"The obligations of the Institution require of its members a strict obedience to the laws of God and man. So far from being bound by any engagements inconsistent with the happiness and prosperity of the nation, every citizen who becomes a Mason is doubly bound to be true to his GOD, to his COUNTRY, and to his FELLOWMAN.

"In the language of the Ancient Constitutions of the Order, which are printed and open for public inspection, and which are used as text books in all the lodges, he is required to keep and obey the MORAL LAW; to be a quiet and peaceful citizen, true to his government and just to his country.

"MASONRY disdains the making of proselytes; she opens the portals of her asylum to those who seek admission with the recommendation of a character unspotted by immorality and vice. She simply requires of the candidate his assent to one great, fundamental, religious truth—THE EXISTENCE AND PROVIDENCE OF GOD; and a practical acknowledgment of those infallible doctrines for the government of life which are written by the finger of God on the heart of man.

"ENTERTAINING such sentiments, as MASONS, as CITIZENS, as CHRISTIANS, and as MORAL MEN, and deeply impressed with the conviction that the MASONIC INSTITUTION has been, and may continue to be, productive of great good to their fellowmen; and having 'received the laws of the society, and its accumulated funds, in sacred trust for charitable uses,' the undersigned can neither renounce nor abandon it.

"We most cordially unite with our Brethren of Salem and vicinity in the declaration and hope that, 'should the people of this country become so infatuated as to deprive Masons of their civil rights, in

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violation of their written constitutions, and the wholesome spirit of just laws and free governments, a vast majority of the Fraternity will still remain firm, confiding in God, and the rectitude of their intentions for consolation, under the trials to which they may be exposed."

Thurlow Weed, of New York, and Thaddeus Stevens, of Pennsylvania, were the master minds who guided the anti-Masonic Party, but it has reflected no credit on them, and posterity knows their claims and charges were false and untrue, and regards their conduct in this respect as unworthy of them and a blot upon their memory—and reputations.

Another matter treated of in this Volume is the Masonic career of our Brother Stephen Girard. The evidence and original records have been carefully gathered by Bro. Julius F. Sachse and examined and considered by us both, and it tends to show:

1. Stephen Girard was made a Mason on January 28, 1788, in Union Blue Lodge, No. 8, Charleston, South Carolina.

2. He never affiliated with any Lodge in Pennsylvania and therefore was not a Pennsylvania Mason (p. 241).

3. Stephen Girard was buried December 31, 1831, in the ground adjoining the German Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, northwest corner Sixth and Spruce streets.

4. When the main building of Girard College was about completed the commissioners of the Girard estate and the city authorities made arrangement for his disinterment. This was in December, 1850. The Fraternity had nothing to do with the removal.

5. The anti-Masonic days had just passed and some of the heirs of Girard objected and asked the court for an injunc-

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tion to prevent the removal of the remains, and the matter was heard and decided September 30, 1851, by Judges King, Parsons and Kelly, Judge King suggesting that the applicants had better permit the city to proceed with the ceremonies and place the body in the sarcophagus at the Girard College, and this was done September 30 with appropriate ceremonies by the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodge, as shown on page 389. And since this time our Brother Girard has peacefully slept in the main building of the college which he founded and where we hope he will remain until the last trump shall sound on Resurrection Morn.

His memory is cherished by his brethren and the Masonic Fund, which bears the name of Stephen Girard Charity Fund, has done untold good to the recipients. The fund itself now amounts to $90,050 and $3,750 was distributed by the stewards in the year 1918 to those entitled to receive it.

Thomas Stanley Ramalt

Past Master Lodge No. 2,

Julius F. Sachse

Past Master Lodge No. 91,

Curator and Librarian of Grand Lodge, Compilers.

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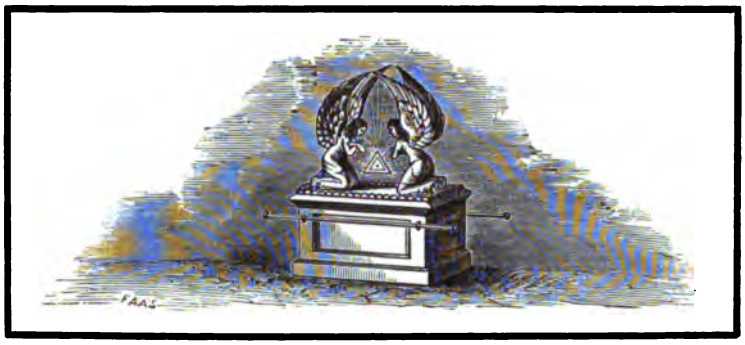

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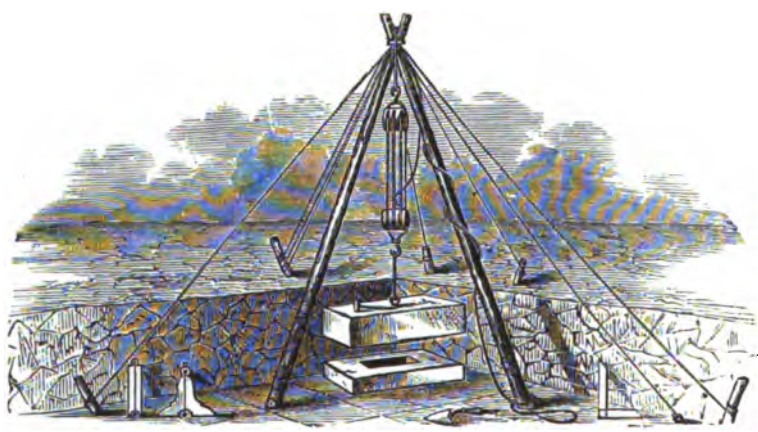

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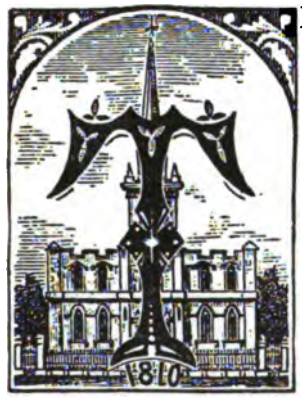
CHAPTER XXII

The Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, 1814–1819



THE Second Volume of our History of "Freemasonry 1727–1907, as shown by the records of Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M.," closes with the year 1813, a period in which civil and political conditions both state and national were more or less unsettled, which naturally had its reflex more or less upon our fraternity.

It has been stated that the year 1814 was one of the most exciting periods in the History of Philadelphia, if not of the United States of America. The War with Great Britain had centered upon our shores, the Delaware and Chesapeake were blockaded by the enemy, and the foe landed upon our shores; the British under Ross

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defeated the Americans at Bladensburg, entered Washington the next day ruthlessly burned the Capitol and destroyed all the other public buildings.

"DECLARATION

"OF THE MEMBERS

"OF THE

"*Washington Benevolent Society of*

"*Pennsylvania.*

"WE, and each of us, do hereby declare, that "we are firmly attached to the Constitution "of the United States and to that of Penn-"sylvania; to the principles of a free Repub-"lican Government, and to those which "regulated the publick conduct of GEORGE "WASHINGTON; that we will, each of us, to "the best of our abilities, and so far as may "be consistent with our religious princi-"ples, respectively, preserve the rights "and liberty of our Country against all "foreign and domestick violence, fraud, "and usurpation; and that as members of "the

"*Washington Benevolent Society,*

"we will, in all things comply with its "regulations, support its principles, and "enforce its views."

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These outrages revived revolutionary zeal, and inspired the National Government with a new spirit and united the people of the Middle States for a more aggressive war, while the eastern states resisted the embargo, and took little interest in driving the foreign foe from our shores.

Among the most loyal organizations in our community was the Washington Benevolent Society, which was closely allied to our Grand Lodge; Patriotic Banquets were given by the Benevolent Society, February 22nd and July 4, in the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, when patriotic addresses were made and toasts drank.

The large banquet hall in the Chestnut Street Hall at that time was the favorite place for all social and patriotic functions.

One of the most important of these functions at this time was, when the native Germans, Hollanders and Switzers celebrated Napoleon's defeat in the battle at Leipzig, by a grand dinner at the Masonic Hall, February 24, 1814.

A copy of this program, printed by Conrad Zentler, the german printer, Second Street near Race, is still extant, containing the toasts, speeches, music and cantata, composed for the occasion by L. F. Bernhardt, also the patriotic address by Christian L. Mannhardt. The title of this pamphlet reads:

"Short account of the festival celebration and Banquet by Germans, Hollanders and Swiss in the Freemason's Hall in Philadelphia, February 24, 1814."

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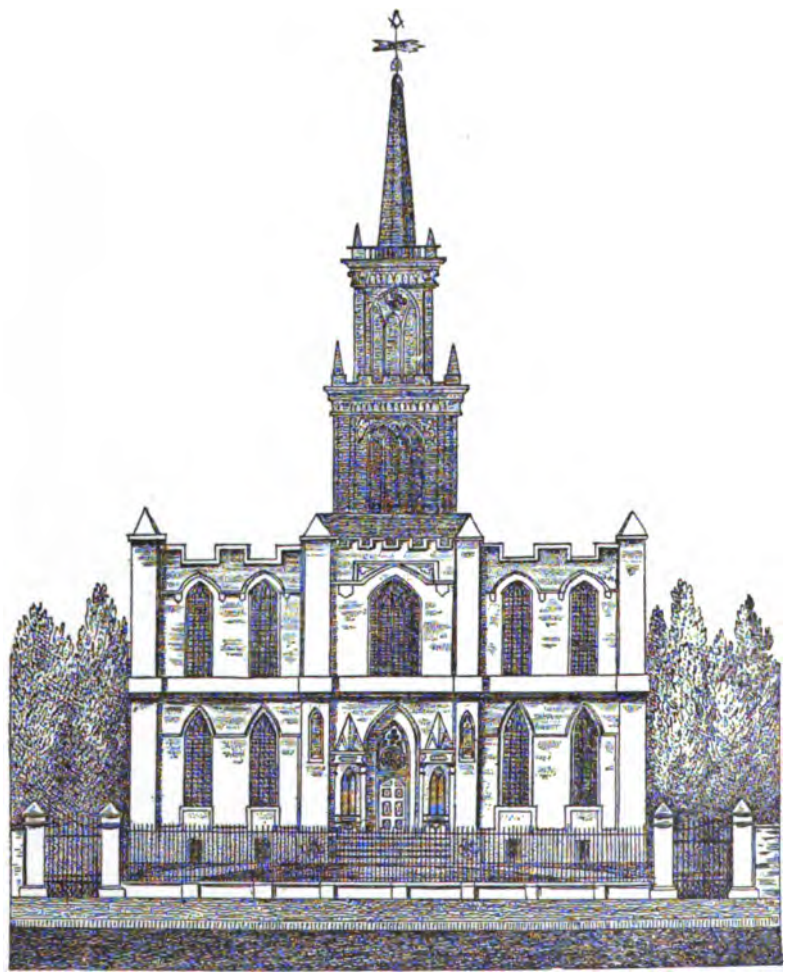
The first stated meeting of Lodge No. 2, in the year 1814, was held January 10; that the year did not open auspiciously for the fraternity is shown by the Minutes of the Lodge.



MASONIC HALL, CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, 1811–1819.

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January 10, 1814.—Stated Lodge. Present 27 members & 7 Visitors.

Edw[d] Shelmendine,	W. M.
Jos. Douglass,	S. W.
Wm. Ruff,	J. W.
F. Nice,	S. D.

Applications to withdraw were received from Brs. Marshal and Wallington.

Resolved that Lodge No. 2, relinquish all further claim to an extra Room in the Hall.

A Committee was appointed consisting of W. M. Treas[r] & Sec'y who shall have full power to collect or remit all Dues of Delinquent Members. The Committee appointed to examine the account of Jos. Burden Treas[r] No. 2, Report that we find them correct that there remain a ballance in his hands of twenty-dollars & thirty-five cents in favor of No. 2.

The Tylers bill of $5.50 cents & Stewarts of 12.57 cents were ordered to be paid.

Dues collected $90.

February 14, 1814.—Stated Lodge. Present 21 members & 1 Visitor.

Edward Shelmendine,	W. M.
Ruff,	S. W.
F. Nice,	J. W.
J. Nice,	S. D.

A Petition was read from Isaac H. Griffith praying to be Initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry &

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Whereupon Brs. Douglass, Ruff & Ferron were a committee to inquire into his Character. A Petition to withdraw was reced. from Jno. Graves & order to lay over.

A petition for to withdraw was read from Jno. Stineman & ordered to lay over.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. O'Brien:

WHEREAS: the funds of this Lodge are, at present, inadequate to pay our dues and rent to the Grand Lodge, and to afford relief to our distressed brethren;

Therefore Resolved: That from henceforward each and every brother, who has been a member of this Lodge for one year, or more, may have the privilege of commuting his contribution as a member, by paying Thirty-Dollars in addition to his dues up to the time he avails himself of this resolution, which sum shall be considered as payment of dues in full during life, the brother so paying to be subject to the by-laws now in force, or which may hereafter be adopted, in every respect except the payment of dues. All commutations thus received (after paying the Grand Lodge dues and rent up to St. John's Day, last) to be invested in some public stock —the interest arising thereon to be applied towards the payment of Grand Lodge dues, rent, and other necessary Lodge expenses.

(The above presented and read in Lodge No. 2, Feb-

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ruary 14, 1814, and to be finally disposed of in said Lodge, stated meeting, 9th May, 1814.)

Which agreeably to the Bye Laws must lay over two stated nights of meeting.

Bro. Carr & Shelmindine applied to be recommended to Arch No. 3, which was granted.

March 14, 1814.—Stated Lodge. Present 23 members & 7 Visitors.

Bro. Shelmendine,	W. M.
F. Nice,	S. W.
J. Ruff,	J. W.
J. Nice,	S. D.
Busman,	J. D.
Coxe,	M.C.

An Entered apprentice Lodge was opened at 1/2 past Six-O'clock in Antient form when the Minutes of the proceedings Evenings were read & approved of.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Character of Isaac H. Griffith reported favorably, whereupon he was ballotted for & unanimously elected. The Candidate being in waiting was introduced agreeably to Antient form, Initiated into the first degree of masonry.

The Petition offered on the last stated night of meeting having in view to aid the funds of the Lodge was ordered to lay over until next stated meeting, Br. I. H. Griffith returned thanks to the Lodge Received instructions from W. M. & paid his initiation fee.

A Petition of Charity was read for the aid of the distressed Family of our late worthy Bro. the Rev^d

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George Richards whereupon the Lodge granted the sum of fifty dollars.[1]

The Lodge granted twenty dollars to be placed in the hands of Brs. Allen, Baker & Nice for the relief of Mary Gamble the widow to our late Br. Capt. Gamble.

The Entered apprentice Lodge was closed & all who were not Past Masters, having withdrawn & Master Masons Lodge was opened & Br. Frederick passed the Chair by virtue of a dispensation from Rich[d] Tybout, Esq., R. W. G. M.

A M. Masters Lodge closed & an E Apprentice opened, the Brethren were remitted and the Lodge closed in Harmony at half-past 9 O'Clock.

Dues Collected $76.

April 11, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 18 members & 11 visitors.

Br Griffiths, Crafted

A Petition of Charity was read from our Brother Jacob Harman in sickness and distress when on motion it was agreed that B[rs]. Tice, O'Brien & Lafittee be a Committee to distribute the sum of twenty dollars to be drawn from the funds of the Lodge.

April 14, 1814.—Special Meeting, 3 Oclock p. m. Present 7 members & 4 visitors.

Br. Nelson Webster, E. P. R. by dispensation.

May 9, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 21 members.

[1] Rev. George Richards was one of the Grand Chaplains. For a full account of Bro. Richards, *vide* Volume I, pp. 298–299.

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1811—MASONIC HALL—1819

CHESTNUT STREET BETWEEN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH, NORTH SIDE, PHILADELPHIA.

DESTROYED BY FIRE, MARCH 9, 1819.

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A Communication was read from the G. Lodge stating the amount of dues from No. 2 to the G. Lodge when on motion resolved that the Treasurer be empowered to pay off the amount as the money may come into his hands.

It was resolved that every member & visitor sitting down to supper on next stated night of meeting pay the sum of twenty-five cents extra.

Br Griffiths, Raised

June 13, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 22 members & 8 visitors.

Br. Lafitte on behalf of the Committee for the relief of Br. Harman reports that having called on the Treasurer for the twenty dollars as voted by the Lodge was informed that there was no money in his hands when the Committee raised from individual members the sum of Thirteen Dolls. & fifty cents & paid over to Br. Harman—when it was resolved that the Treasurer advance the amount voted to the Committee whenever they may be funds in his possession.

Brs Webster & Stevens, Tellers, reported the following Officers, Elected, Wm Ruff, W. M. John Sommer, S. W. James McKeage, J. W. A. Lafitte, Secty. Joseph Burden, Treasr.

It was resolved that an adjourned meeting be held on Tuesday next at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of Installing the newly-elected officers.

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June 14, 1814.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 7 members & 1 visitor

Officers, Elected, duly installed

Appointment made. Br. Conner, S. D. Busman, J. D. F. Nice S. M. C. J. Nice J. M. C.

July 11, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 18 members & 13 visitors.

Visitors:

Chas. Mercier, No. 3
Br. Martin Brown, No 344 Liverpool
" Pearson W. M., No. 3
" Hilsheimer, P. M. No. 51
" Reid, No. 345 Ireland
" Alphonso C. Ireland
" Bedlock
" Harris
" Samuel Maitland
" Obed. Foote, Aurora Lodge, N. Y.
" Friel St. Johns, No. 6 N. Y.
" P. Heyl, No. 139
Robt Smith Tatem, No. 126

Br Nelson Webster, Elected a member.

Wm Curry, Entered

The standing committee of Lodge No. 2 to settle the Treasurer's accounts report that having examined the accounts of Br. Joseph Burden, Treasurer of Lodge No. 2, they find them correct, and that there remains a balance of $37.52 due to Br. Burden—July 8th 1814.

August 8, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 20 members & 4 visitors.

Br. Busman, Resigned

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Br Curry, Crafted

September 12, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 15 members & 4 visitors.

Br. Curry, Raised

It was moved by Br. I. Webster, seconded by Br. Burden, that a committee of five members be appointed to devise ways and means of raising a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of discharging our Dues to the Grand Lodge, whereupon the following members were appointed as the committee, to wit.: Brs. Burden, Shelmerdine, Sommer, McKeage and G. A. Baker, junr.

October 10, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 10 members.

Brs McKeage & Griffiths were appointed a committee to wait upon Br Alexr Ramsey to give him proper instructions to receive the second degree of Masonry.

Br. Burden on behalf of the committee appointed at our last meeting, for the purpose of devising ways and means of discharging our dues to the Grand Lodge, stated that they had not acted. It was resolved that the committee be continued.

Br. Burden offered a resolution for repealing that part of the 14th section of our By-Laws which relates to the salary that shall be given to the Secretary, and proposed that the following be inserted instead thereof, to wit: "The Secretary for the faithful performance of his duties shall receive one dollar on

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each stated night of meeting, one dollar for every initiation, and be exempt from dues. Ordered to lie over for two stated meetings.

Brs McKeage & Webster were appointed Stewards, to prepare refreshments for next Stated Meeting.

November 14, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 8 members & 1 visitor.

It was particularly requested by the Lodge that the Secretary notify Br. Wm. Meguire & Br. John Douglass to attend our next stated meeting. It was also requested that each member receive information from the Secretary to attend the election for officers to be held on our next stated night.

The resolution to reduce the Secretary's salary having lain the time required by our By-Laws, was again brought forward by Br Burden, and adopted by the Lodge. Br. O'Brien moved that the following clause be added to it, viz.: "The Secretary shall also receive 50 cents for the admission of a new member," which was likewise approved of. The resolution therefore shall read as follows: "The Secretary for the faithful performance of his duties shall receive one dollar on each stated night of meeting, one dollar for every initiation, fifty cents for the admission of a new member, and be exempt from dues.

"The committee appointed to wait on Br Alexn Ramsey, reported that he was not prepared to come forward this evening, and continued."

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December 12, 1814.—Stated Meeting. Present 25 members & 8 visitors.

"Br Ramsey examined in Open Lodge and found worthy to be advanced, and was then Crafted."

Brs Allen & Baker, Tellers, reported the following Officers, Elected, Br John Sommer, W. M. James McKeage, S. W. Robert Allen, J. W. Alex^n^ Lafitte Secty. Joseph Burden, Treas^r^.

"Adopted that the Sect'y shall receive one Dollar for each Stated night of Meeting, one dollar for every Initiation, Fifty cents for the admission of a new member, and be exempt from dues."

Br C. Schneider, appointed Tyler.

"It being nearly time to close the Lodge, it was thought proper to defer the Installation of the Officers Elect untill to-morrow at 3 Oclock, p. m.

December 13, 1814.—Adjourned Meeting, 3 O'clock P. M. Present 8 members.

Officers duly installed

January 9, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 20 members & 11 visitors

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, Report, That they have examined the account of Br Jos Burden, Treasurer of Lodge No 2, for the last six months, and find them correct, and that the balance remaining in his hands, amounts to $14.10½.

(Signed) G. A. Baker, P. M. Wm Ruff, W. M. John Sommer, S. W. Robt Allen, J. W. elect.

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The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments. Br. Conner, S. D. Brs Fredk and John Nice, M. C. Br Griffiths was appointed, J. D. Br John Douglass presented a petition to withdraw from this Lodge.

"Moved and seconded that those members who think proper to partake of refreshments shall pay twenty five cents extra each, where-upon $3.50 cts were collected and paid to the Treasurer."

"Dues collected and Lodge closed in harmony 15 minutes past 8 Oclock"

February 13, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 4 visitors.

A petition for charity from M^rs^. Martha Ellis, widow of W^m^., formerly a member of this Lodge, was read, whereupon a committee of B^rs^ Griffiths and O'Connor were appointed, and ten dollars placed in their hands for her relief.

An application to withdraw was received from Br Robt Pullen.

Dues collected and paid Treasurer, $13

March 13, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 22 members & 4 visitors.

A circular petition for charity from B^r^ McCleary was read, in which he stated he was a cripple and unable to earn his livelihood, and that both he and his wife had been deprived of all they possessed by the cruelty of their Landlord, whereupon it was

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moved & seconded that as this was an extraordinary case of distress, we ought, notwithstanding the low state of our funds, to appoint a committee, and place five dollars in their hands for the relief of the petitioner, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Committee appointed to devise ways and means of raising a sufficient sum of money to discharge our dues to the Grand Lodge reported, that after some unsuccessful endeavors to obtain a loan on the credit of the Lodge, they authorized Br Anthy. Lafitte to collect the outstanding dues, and left it to the Lodge to allow him a reasonable commission for his trouble:—whereupon it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that fifteen per cent. be allowed him on all the money he has collected or may hereafter collect for this Lodge.

April 10, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 17 members & 2 visitors.

Br. Bellings petition to withdraw was by his request allowed to lie over till next stated night.

Br. Lowth requested the Lodge would be pleased to remit five dollars from the amt. of his dues on his paying the balance as he had from the time he became a member of this Lodge entertained a belief, that all seafaring brethren were subject to half dues only. The Lodge granted Br. Lowth's request, but decided at the same time that every member is subject to the same dues agreeably to the 1st. section of our By-Laws.

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Br Williamson, Resigned

May 8, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 12 members & 13 visitors.

A communication from the Grand Treasurer directed to the W. M. of Lodge N°. 2 was read by which it appears that the balance now owing by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge amounts to $250.65 cts.

Br John Goulder, Entered.

June 12, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 20 members & 9 visitors.

"By dispensation, Br Abm Kerns, a master mason and member of Lodge No 137 Bedford, was passed to the Chair"

"Br Wm Ruff, applied to be recommended to Royal Arch Chapter No 52, which was granted him."

Brs Baker & Webster, Tellers, reported the following Officers Elected. Br Jas McKeage, W. M. Jas Webster, S. W. Isaac H. Griffiths, J. W. Anthony Lafitte, Secty Jos Burden, Treas^r. Who were duly installed

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments, which was sanctioned by the Lodge, to wit: Br V. Conner, S. D. F. Nice, J. D. D. Weyman, M. C. Chas Schneider, Tyler.

July 10, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 9 members & 13 visitors.

B^r. Goulder was examined in open Lodge, and found worthy of being passed to the degree of a fellow-craft.

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August 14, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 9 members.

"7 members were expelled this evening for non-payment of dues."

September 11, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 10 members & 7 visitors.

"Brs Baker Jr. Ruff, Goulder, Lafitte, and Weyman were appointed a committee to provide a Supper on our next stated night of Meeting, if it can be done with-out drawing upon the funds of the Lodge."

October 9, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 18 visitors.

Br Enoch Carter, Entered

"The annual visitation was made by the following Grand Officers. Br Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. G. M. Br Bayse Newcomb, R. W. S. G. W. Br Joseph Barnes, R. W. J. G. W. Br G. A. Baker, Senr. R. W. G. Secty Br Rd Bache, R. W. G. Treas^r. Br G. A. Baker Jr. Dep G. Secty Br Lambert Keatting, S. G. D. Br Josiah Randall, J. G. D. And Br Entriken, G. Pursuivant."

The R. W. Grand Master then deliverd an address to the Brethren, after which the officers of the Lodge resumed their stations, and the W. M. on behalf of the Lodge returned thanks to the R. W. G. M. and his officers for the honour conferred on the Lodge by this visitation, and the very appropriate and elegant address with which he had favored it.

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The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past nine o'clock.

October 16, 1815.—Special Meeting, 3 O'clock P. M. Present 10 members & 7 visitors.

By dispensation Br James Sanders E. P. R.

Br McKeage, was recommended to Royal Arch Chapter No 52.

November 13, 1815.—Stated Meeting. Present 13 members & 10 visitors.

The sum of 5 Dollars was granted for Charity

Br Thos Loller, Entered

The petition of John Lochman for charity, after having lain over for two stated nights, was again read and five dollars were placed in the hands of Br^m. Burden, Lafitte & Griffith to be given to the petitioner if found worthy.

December 11, 1815.—Stated Meeting, 5 O'clock P. M. Present 12 members & 15 visitors.

The W. M. informed the Lodge that this stated meeting was convened one hour sooner than it was customary for the purpose of entering, passing & raising by Dispensation M^r. Thomas Cameron.

Br Joseph Dudley, Entered

Br Ruff & Baker, Tellers, reported the following Officers Elected Br James McKeage, Re-elected, W. M. Br Anth^y Lafitte, S. W. Br Griffiths, J. W. Br Goulder, Secty Br Burden, Treas^r.

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December 12, 1815.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 6 members & 2 visitors.

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in anct. form at ½ past two o'clock. All who were not Past Masters having withdrawn, the W. M. Br. James McKeage was duly installed into office and received the cordial salutations of all the brethren present. The Brethren Master Masons were re-admitted and the Lodge proceeded to install the other Officers-Elect.

The following appointments were made and sanctioned, Viz Br Frederick Nice, S. D. Br Edward Coxe, J. D. Br Wm Curry, S. M. C. Br Luther Barnes, J. M. C.

January 8, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 18 members & 12 visitors.

The sum of 10 Dollars was granted for Charity

Br Edward Bell, Entered, & Passed

February 12, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 19 members & 22 visitors.

A letter was received and read from Mr. William Hamilton stating that he had charges against brother Peter George for unmasonic conduct whom he believed to be a member of this lodge & praying that a committee might be appointed to inquire into their nature, which was ordered to lie on the table. On motion Brs. Lafitte, Golden & Golder were appointed a committee to enquire whether Peter George is or is not a member of this Lodge.

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March 11, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 16 members.

"Br Walter Kerr, the R. W. G. M. honored the Lodge with his presence."

The committee appointed to ascertain whether or not brother Peter George was yet a member of this lodge, reported that brother George regularly withdrew from this lodge on the 10th of January 1814, since which he could not be considered a member.

Br Loller, Passed

April 10, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 10 members & 3 visitors.

Br Francis Duke, Entered

May 13, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 13 members & 4 visitors.

Brs Bell & Duke Crafted

A petition from the widow of Joseph Stevens, late a brother of Lodge N°. 2, for charity was received and read, whereupon brothers Ruff, Baker and Griffith were appointed a committee bestow the sum of twenty-five dollars if found worthy, who accordingly received from the treasurer that sum for the purpose.

(Lodge closed in Harmony and good order.)

June 10, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 17 members & 11 visitors.

By dispensation Br M. Clarke of Lodge No 2 of New York, Passed to the Chair

Brs Ruff & Baker, Tellers, reported the following

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Officers elected: Br A. Lafitte, W. M. Br Griffith, S. W. Br Nice, J. W. Br Goulder, Secty Br Burden, Treas^{r}.

June 12, 1816.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 5 members & 2 visitors Officers installed.

Appointments made. D. Weyman, S. D. Barnes, J. D. Fearon & Simons, M. C. Allen & O'Brien, Stewards Chas Schneider, Tyler.

July 9, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 12 members & 2 visitors.

Secty installed.

5 members suspended for non-payment of dues.

Br Loller, Raised

August 12, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 2 visitors.

"Standing committee reported that they had examined the accounts of Br Burden, Treasurer, and found them as usual correct," and that there remained a balance of $9.70 cts in the hands of the Treasurer."

"A communication from the Grand Lodge directing that from and after the first day of Sept next, the election of Officers of the Subordinate Lodges, be held annually."

"On motion, Br Goulder Secty. be authorized to collect all balances due the Lodge, and he be allowed 15 per cent for the same."

September 9, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 11 members & 5 visitors.

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Br Duke, Raised

A petition from the widow of Casper Graff, formerly a member of Lodge N°. 2, for charity, was read and brothers Golder, Griffith & Baker were apopinted a committee to bestow the sum of five dollars if found worthy.

October 14, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 3 visitors.

The sum of 10 Dollars was granted for Charity.

Br Winnemore, Expelled from the Lodge for non-payment of dues, was restored to membership on payment of the same, viz 16 Dollars.

It was during the month of October of this year 1816, that an event took place in this city which was eventually to revert to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This was nothing less than the presentation by Washington's Legatees to the Washington Benevolent Society of the Washington Masonic Apron which was embroidered by the Marquise De Lafayette, and presented to Bro. Washington by Bro. Lafayette during his visit to Mount Vernon in 1784. How this priceless Masonic Relic came into possession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania thirteen years later will be found under its proper date.

November 11, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 17 members & 2 visitors.

(Br Carter) "on request was excused from undergoing the usual" (examination) Crafted & Raised

Br Winnemore, Crafted.

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"On Motion, That each member who partakes of refreshments shall pay 50 cts in addition to his dues."

December 9, 1816.—Stated Meeting. Present 20 members & 14 visitors.

Members present who partook of the Supper 13 & Visitors 14.

Brs O'Brien & McKeage, Teller, reported the following Officers elected. Isaac H. Griffith, W. M. N. Stanley, S. W. F. Nice, J. W. A. Lafitte, Secty J. Burden, Treas^r.

At this time Lodge No 2 as well as the Fraternity in general suffered a severe loss in the death of the R. W. Grand Secretary Bro George A. Baker.

Brother George Adam Baker, who for many years was one of the most active members of Lodge No. 2 and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, serving as R. W. Grand Secretary from 1797 to the time of his decease, was born in Germantown, July 27, 1736; died, Philadelphia, December 8, 1816. He was a son of Hilarius Becker, a tutor in the old Germantown Academy (b. 1705 in Bernheim near Frankfurt, d. June 23, 1783). In his early life he was in the mercantile business near the Arch St. ferry, and dealt in wine, spices, salt, tea, paper, shoes, glassware, crockery, grain, etc. Later in life he became a conveyancer with his office and dwelling at the northeast corner of Fourth and Cherry Sts. (still standing). He was a member of the City Councils

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1801–1803 and served as city treasurer, 1802–3, 1807–9, 1811–13.

Brother Baker was a citizen universally known and respected. In dress and appearance he remained true to the style of traditions of a gentleman of "ye olden tyme." He wore knee breeches, silk stockings, shoes with silver buckles and a queue with powdered hair.

Brother Baker received the first step in Freemasonry within the tyled portals of Lodge No. 2, June 29, 1779; crafted September 15, raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, September 22 of same year. December 13, 1779, he was elected secretary of his Lodge.

At the Annual Communication held December 2, 1816, mention was made of his illness and the office was filled *pro tem.* by his son, Geo. A. Baker, jr. A week later Brother Baker died. On the next day following notice appeared in the papers:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Philadelphia, December 9, 1816.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the members of subordinate Lodges, and sojourning Brethren are respectfully invited to meet at the Hall of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday next precicely at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding from thence in procession to attend the funeral of our deceased Brother George A. Baker,—late R. W. G. Secretary.

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N. B. The Brethren will as far as is convenient appear in black, with aprons and gloves.

This Masonic funeral, according to contemporary accounts, was one of the most imposing ever seen in Philadelphia of a private citizen and attracted much attention.

At the next meeting of the Grand Lodge it was resolved to erect a marble monument in his honor.

Brother Baker was buried in the new Lutheran graveyard, then between Race and Vine, Eighth and Franklin Streets. Some thirty years ago this ground was sold and the remains scattered. No trace of this memorial is now to be found.

Brother Baker left three sons, J. Hilary (b. 1779, d. 1852), John Louis (b. 1781, d. 1847) and George Adam, jr. (b. 1783, d. 1823), who succeeded his father as Grand Secretary and also served until his death.

December 12, 1816.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 6 members & 3 visitors.

W. M. J. W. & Secty, Installed

"Resolved that the members of this Lodge, wear a piece of Black Crape on the left Arm, on the nights of meeting, for the space of six months, as a token of respect for the memory of our late Worthy Br The R. W. G. Secty. G. A. Baker, Sr. Esq."

December 18, 1816.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 7 members.

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By dispensation, M. Thompson, E. P. R.

Brs Barnes & Winnemore, Tellers, reported that Br Barnes, duly elected S. W. in place of Br Stanley who declined. S. W. & Treas^{r}. installed

Appointments made. J. Fearon, S. D. T Stone, J. D. Norris Stanley, S. M. C.[2] I. Patterson, J. M. C. R. Allen & J. McKeage, Stewards Chas Schneider, Tyler.

January 13, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 12 members & 7 visitors.

Committee on accounts, reported the Treasurer's account correct, and a balance of 28 cts due to him by the Lodge.

Secretary's Salary, 25 dollars per annum.

The sum of 5 dollars was granted for Charity.

Lodge closed in Harmony.

February 10, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 12 members & 22 visitors.

Visitors:

B^{r}. Jacob Alter, N°. 72
" John Osborn, London, 47
" Thos. Foley, Dublin, 353
" W^{m}. McColin, 127
" A. Tichenor, 71
" Tho. O. Meux, 39
" Bowen, Hiram Lodge
" Jer. Pickham, 1 N. P.
" John George, 19
" D. M. McGregor, 29 N. J.
B^{r}. John Costello, N°. 19
" R. Taber, 14 N. P.
" M. Nisbet, 126
" Jas. Loper, late 52
" Jos. Keyser, F. C. 127
" Alex^{r}. Wiley, 3
" C. Wood, Mass. L. Boston
" Jas. Elliott, 139
" P. D. Ogle, 91
" F. Cooper, 130
" Rich^{d}. Tichenor, 67

Benj Harris, Entered. Br Winnemore, Raised.

[2] Bro. Norris Stanley was an Inspector of Philadelphia County Prison in 1810. For a full account of Bro. Stanley, *vide* Vol. II, pp. 358–359.

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March 10, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 12 members & 16 visitors

A petition for charity from Br. Loeman was received & read. On motion & seconded it was resolved that Brs. McKeage and Burden be a committee to bestow three dollars on the petitioner. Similar petitions from Brs. N. Nunnely & D. Astley were read, but the low state of our funds prevented our granting any assistance

Br Griffith, W. M. resigned, he being about to leave the City.

April 14, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 13 members & 8 visitors.

Br Harris, Crafted

Br Winnemore, resigned, about to remove to Baltimore.

On motion and seconded it was unanimously resolved that this Lodge apply to the R. W. G. Lodge for permission to hold an election for a Master to preside over this lodge for the remainder of the term for which the late Master Br. J. H. Griffiths was elected.

May 12, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 19 visitors.

Visitors:

Br. Wm. McCollin, 127
" D. Saint, 127
" D. Culnan, 127
" Issachar Price, 139
" Thos. Forsyth, 9
Br. Edwd. Ireland, No. 67
" Henry Erdman, 19
" Chs. McAllister, 139
" Pearson, 3
" Jos. Keyser, 127
" Jno. E. Denie, 181 N. Y.

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Br. J. B. Hutchinson, 128
" John Finn, 128
" Aaron Tichenor, 71
" Robt. O'Neill, 128
Br. Henry A. Beach, 179, N. Y.
" Jos. Turner, 11 N. J.
" Jas. Harper, Jr., 114.
" Wm. Gibson, 128

A circular petition for charity from Br. Bob was read, whereupon a committee consisting of brothers Baker & O'Brien was appointed & ten dollars placed in their hands for his relief if found worthy.

A similar petition from Br. Ns. O'Connor was read whereupon the sum of five dollars was granted & the same committee appointed.

The sum of 15 Dollars was granted for Charity Br Bell, Raised

May 30, 1817.—Extra Lodge. Present 7 members & 8 visitors.

A dispensation from the R. W. G. Master authorizing the officers & members of this Lodge to enter, pass & raise to the sublime degree of a master mason, Manuel Maria de los Palacios, if the same should meet the approbation of this Lodge, was read, & unanimously approved.

June 10, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 15 visitors.

Br. Lafitte presented a bill for his services as Secretary for the last six months, amounting to $12.50, which was ordered to be paid. Tyler's bill presented & also ordered to be paid. Dues collected & Lodge closed in harmony at ½ p. 9 o'clock.

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The sum of 10 Dollars was granted for Charity

July 14, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 8 members & 7 visitors.

A communication from the R. W. Gr. Treaʳ. was read, requesting an early payment of the dues owing by this Lodge to the R. W. G. Lodge.

The annual communication from the R. W. G. L. was read & ordered to be deposited in the archives of this Lodge.

August 11, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 5 members & 2 visitors.

The Committee appᵒᵈ. in May last to relieve Bʳˢ O'Connor & Bob reported that they had given them the money placed in their hands by the Lodge. Bʳ Baker having stated that the family of Bʳ. Mʳ. Brown, a member who obtained some relief from this Lodge in July last, were in want of pecuniary aid, it was resolved that, as the funds of this Lodge were inadequate to give Bʳ Brown's family any assistance at present, it might be useful for the presiding officer of this Lodge to wait on the different lodges in the city with a circular petition & and endeavor to obtain some assistance for petitioner *from the rest of the fraternity.*

September 8, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 11 members & 21 visitors.

The sum of 10 dollars was granted for Charity

October 13, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 10 members & 2 visitors.

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The committee having been appointed to relieve Mrs. Meara, reported verbally that Br. Meara, the husband of the petitioner, was an expelled member of Lodge No. — and, therefore, not thinking themselves authorized to relieve her, they had returned the money they had received from the Lodge, to the Treasurer.

Br. Ed Warner, Elected a member.

November 10, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 15 members & 20 visitors.

The R. W. G. M. & R. W. G. Secty. visited the Lodge.

"On motion, Resolved, that there be a Supper on our next night of meeting, & that every member or Br partaking of it, pay one dollar."

November 13, 1817.—Extra Meeting. Present 4 members.

Lewis Mallery, Entered

December 8, 1817.—Stated Meeting. Present 14 members & 25 visitors.

Br Mallery, Crafted & Raised

A circular petition for charity from Br. Bernardo Castillo was read, whereupon a Committee consisting of Brs. McKeage, Bell & Lafitte was appointed and ten dollars granted if found worthy.

An application for relief from Mrs. Graff was received & five dollars placed with the same Committee for the petitioner.

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The following elected. Br G. A. Baker, W. M. F. Nice, S. W. T. Stone, J. W. A. Lafitte, Secty. J. Burden, Treas^{r}.

December 11, 1817.—Adjourned Meeting. Present 6 members & 1 visitor.

Officers installed. Appointments made. Br E. Warner, S. D. E. Bell, J. D. Chas Schneider, Tyler.

December 30, 1817.—Special Meeting, 2.30 O'Clock P. M. Present 5 members & 4 visitors.

The F. C. L. was closed and a M. Mason's lodge was opened B^{r}. Anderson being introduced for the third time was, according to ancient & honourable form, raised to the sublime degree of a master mason, returned thanks, received the benefit of a lecture, and paid $35 for his init^{on}. fee, $3 for Room & $1½ for Tyling, making a sum of $39. The Lodge then closed in harmony at 4 o'clock.

January 12, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 10 members & 9 visitors.

Br Benj Harris, Raised

A circular petition for charity was received from B^{r} McConnell, whereupon B^{rs}. McKeage & Lafitte were app^{ed}. a committee, and five dollars granted if found worthy.

A similar petition was received from M^{rs}. Corry, whereupon B^{rs}. Stone & Nice were appointed a committee, & five dollars placed in their hands for her relief.

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February 9, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 13 members & 4 visitors.

The Lodge was honored by a visit from the R. W. G. M. B. Newcomb, and the R. W. D. G. M. Joseph Barnes, and the R. W. G. Secty. James Elliott.

The sum of 10 dollars was granted for Charity.

The foll^{s}. Breth^{en}. contributed to the supper: Baker, 50; Maley, 50; Dixey, 50; Nice, 50; McGinnis, 50; Cogill, 50; Stone, 50; Hamilton, 50; Burden, 50.

B^{r} Burden stated that M^{rs}. Kean, widow of B^{r} Kean, late Sec^{ry} of this Lodge was in distress. B^{rs}. Cutbush, Burden & O'Brien were app^{d}. a Com^{ttee}. & $5 placed in their hands for her relief. A circular petition for charity from B^{r}. F. Weiland was read whereupon B^{rs}. Nice, Stone & Coxe were app^{d} a committee & $5 placed in their hands.

March 9, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 13 members & 13 visitors.

Joseph Strieby, Entered

Br Jacob Janssen, Elected a member "was introduced and paid his adjoining fee of 5 dollars."

A circular petition for charity from M^{rs}. Hartman, widow of David, was read, whereupon B^{rs}. Allen, Burden & Lafitte were app^{d} a com^{ttee} & ten dollars granted if found worthy.

Br Wm Warner, Resigned

April 13, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 11 members & 19 visitors.

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Br Strieby, Crafted. Br Mallery, Resigned

A communication was read from the G. Treasurer to Lodge N°. 2 requesting the payment of the dues owing by this Lodge to the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, whereupon on motion & seconded, resolved that the said dues be discharged as soon as possible.

B^r^. Mallory presented a petition to withdraw from this Lodge immediately, as his business would not allow him to wait the time required by our By-Laws, which was granted on payment of his dues.

A letter was read, addressed to the Worshipful Master of this lodge, from an officer of Lodge N°. 152, held at Easton, Pennsylvania, containing several charges against B^r^. Nicholas Beams, a member of Lodge N°. 2, whereupon a committee consisting of B^rs^. Sommer, Burden & Lafitte was appointed to enquire into the case & report thereon.

May 11, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 11 members & 11 visitors.

The sum of 5 dollars was granted for Charity

Br Beams, Crafted

A communication was read from Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge N°. 2, Cincinnati, addressed to the Worshipful Master of Lodge N°. 2, stating that B^r^. Jn°. R. Fletcher, late W. M. of St. John's Lodge, Baltimore, had been guilty of unmasonic conduct, and requesting the brethren to guard against imposition.

June 8, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 9 members & 5 visitors.

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Brs Strieby & Beams, Raised

B^r Beams being also introduced received in like manner the same degree & withdrew. On motion it was resolved that the returning of thanks &c be dispensed with.

The committee appointed last stated meeting to relieve Mrs Hughes reported that they had given her five dollars.

July 8, 1818.—Special Lodge. Present 4 members.

A Master Mason's lodge opened in ancient & solemn form at 7¼ o'clock P. M. A dispensation was received and read from the R. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania authorizing the W. M. of this Lodge to pass Bro. Edmund Roberts, late a member of Lodge No. 109, held at St. Genevieve, Missouri Terr^y. to the Chair in Lodge No. 2, when Bro. Roberts was passed to the Chair in the presence of Past Masters only.

July 13, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 4 members & 4 visitors.

A Letter was received from the Grand Treas^r. & is as follows: "Worshipful Sir & Brother—Since my last communication I have the pleasure to say that many of the Lodges have paid considerable sums on acc^t. of their dues, there yet however remain some who are in arrears, probably more owing to inadvertance than to any other cause I therefore take the liberty of calling your attention to the balance,

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as stated at foot, due from the respectable lodge over which you preside & am very resp^{y}. yours (signed) Jos. S. Lewis, Grand Treas^{r}. Philad^{a}. June 15th 1818 —$158.40 W. M. Lodge N°. 2."

August 10, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 6 members.

A communication was received from B^{r} Baker, R. W. G. Secretary cautioning the lodge not to admit, as a visitor, a person named Lorenzo Bodons, an Italian, said to be a Spaniard

A motion was made by B^{r}. Nice, which was carried, to grant M^{rs}. Biglow, widow of B^{r}. Biglow, formerly a member of this lodge, a certificate to show that her husband was in good standing at the time he withdrew from the institution.

September 14, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 11 members 1 visitor.

The sum of 5 dollars was granted for Charity

September 21, 1818.—Extra Meeting, 3.30 O'Clock P. M. Present 10 members.

By dispensation, Thomas Jones, Entered, Passed & Raised.

October 12, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 10 members & 7 visitors.

By dispensation, Br Peter George, Passed to the Chair.

Paul A. Oliver, Entered.

The sum of 20 dollars was granted for Charity.

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November 9, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Br Oliver, Passed & Raised.

December 14, 1818.—Stated Meeting. Present 13 members & 9 visitors.

Brs O'Brien & Webster, Tellers, reported the following Officers elected. Br G. A. Baker, W. M. J. McKeage, S. W. T. Stone, J. W. A. Lafitte Secty. J. Burden, Treas^r. Who were duly installed.

The R. W. G. M. Bayse Newcomb, and the R. W. D. G. Secty. N. R. Potts, honored the Lodge with a visit."

January 11, 1819.—Stated Meeting. Present 8 members & 6 visitors.

W. M. appointed Benj Harris, S. D. Joseph Streiby, J. D. Chas Schneider, Tyler.

"Committee on accounts, reported the accounts of the Treasurer correct, and a balance of 62 dollars and 45 cts due to him."

"The W. M. stated for the information of the Brethren, that in the year 1798, on the recommendation of the Grand Committee of charity, to the different Lodges in the City of Philadelphia, the sum of fifty guineas was subscribed for the purpose of purchasing perpetual shares in the Philadelphia Dispensary. That Lodge No 2 subscribed and paid ten guineas towards this laudable object. That with the fifty guineas thus subscribed, Ten shares were purchased, and the Certificate for the same issued in the name of the Grand Lodge.

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That, between two & thre years since, when the Northern & Southern Dispensaries were established, the managers of the Philadelphia Dispensary addressed a letter to the Grand Lodge, stating that the great increase of patients of latter years, had made it impracticable to continue its medical assistance and attention to patients out of the city; that two new Dispensaries had been formed one in the Northern Liberties & in Southwark, that as they could not meet the expectations of the Grand Lodge, they expressed a wish to return the whole of the money which had been subscribed. A resolution was then passed by the Grand Lodge authorizing the Grand Treasurer to receive the said sum of fifty guineas, who accordingly received it from the Dispensary. That on the 5th day of October last a resolution was passed by the Grand Lodge directing the Grand Treasurer to credit such of the Lodges who had subscribed towards the Dispensary, as should apply for it, in their accounts with the Grand Lodge, for the several sums by them respectively paid."

"On Motion made & Seconded, Resolved, that the application be made to the Grand Treasurer to credit this Lodge in their account with the Grand Lodge with the sum of Ten guineas subscribed towards the Philadelphia Dispensary."

Br Joseph Harrison, Resigned.

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February 8, 1819.—Stated Meeting.

Members:		*Visitors:*	
Br. Geo. A. Baker...W.M.		Br. Saml. Bispham	72
" Jas. McKeage ....S.W.		" A. Tillinghast, et alii	115.
" Thos. Stone ....J.W.	$..50		
" A. Lafitte .....Secry.			
" Jos. Burden ....Treas...	50		
" Fk. Nice			
" Oliver,.....	50		
" Jas. Cuthbush.....			
" Nichs Beams.....1.	"		
" Benjm. Harris .....1.	"		
" John Anderson .....6.	"		
	$9.50	pd Treasr.	

An E. A. L. was opened in anct. form at 1/2 p/6 O'clock, and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

A petition for charity was read from Br. Wm. Farrer a member of this Lodge, recommended by Brs. Nice & Lafitte, on which a committee consisting of Brs. Cutbush, Burden & McKeage was apped., & ten dollars granted, if found worthy.

A similar one frm Br. Isaac Story was also read & ordered to lie over.

On motion & seconded, Resolved, that the care of those members who were especially notified to pay off their dues on this evening be deferred till the next stated meeting & that the Secry. send them information of this resolution.

Dues collected, Tylers bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

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March 8, 1819.—Stated Meeting.

Members:

Br. G. A. Baker,	W.M...	$...50
" Stone		50
" Nice		..... "
" Lafitte		..... "
" Catbush		.....8.50
" Jansson		..... " "
" Webster		50
" Beams		50
" Pd Treas.		$10.50

Visitors:

Br. Charles Egner	172
" L. Mussina	.....do
" S. Kearney	127
" Thos. P. Alten	160
" Adam S. Kuhn, 1 New York	
" Hugh Johnston, 1 Wilmington	
" Joseph Pogue	.....do
" W. Weaver	67
" Geo. Franse	.....do
" A. Wile	.....do
" A. Tiehenoi	71
" Jas. Elliott	.....1.58

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 7 o'clock & the Minutes of the last stated meeting were read & approved.

A petition for initiation was read from Mr. Frederick Wilhelm, cabinet maker, residing in Third Street between Noble & Green Sts. age 29 years & a committee appointed consisting of Bros. Sommer Nice & Jansson to inquire into his character.

A petition was read from Bro. Norris Stanley praying to withdraw from this Lodge & ordered to be over, according to the By-Laws.

A letter was read from Bro. Thos. Solter requesting the Lodge would wait for his dues until next stated meeting, being unable to attend this evening, on account of a funeral having taken place in the family. On motion & seconded it was resolved that the said request be granted.

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On motion & seconded it was resolved that Bros. Wm. Ruff & Edward Coxe be struck off the list of members, unless they discharge their arrearages agreeably to the by-laws.

Bro. Anthony Lafitte requested this Lodge would be pleased to recommend him to the Arch which was granted.

Dues collected, Tyler's bill ordered to be paid, & Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

As stated in the minutes, Lodge No. 2, on the evening of March 8, 1819, closed in harmony at nine o'clock. Little did the brethren think as they walked out on Chestnut Street and separated for their homes that that meeting was to be the last lodge meeting held and regularly closed within the beautiful Masonic Hall designed and built by Bro. Strickland, at that time the most ornate and beautiful Masonic building upon the American continent, and perhaps second to none in the old world, or that within twenty-four hours the interior fittings and the graceful spire surmounting the hall would fall a victim to the devouring flames and be reduced to ashes.

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MASONIC HALL, DESTRUCTION BY FIRE, MARCH 9, 1819.

CHESTNUT STREET, BETWEEN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH,

NORTH SIDE, PHILADELPHIA.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

A Public Calamity, 1819–1820

TUESDAY, March 9, 1819, opened dark and overcast; a typical March day with cold winds and snow. The night was dark and disagreeable. The Masonic Hall, however, stood in bright light with strains of music from the dancing party in the salon on the first floor.

The Brethren of Washington Lodge, No. 59, A. Y. M., had assembled in the Grand Lodge Room on the second floor, it being the night for their stated meeting. The Lodge was duly opened, the minutes read, a petition was reported and the result of a favorable ballot was announced by the Worshipful Master, when the Lodge was thrown into consternation by the cry of fire throughout the hall. This was heightened by the deep tones of the State House bell, calling out the fire apparatus and citizens with their leather fire buckets, together with the clanging of the bells on the arriving hose carts. The fire, which, it is supposed, originated in one of the chimney flues leading from the ball room

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on the first floor, quickly ate its way to the roof, illuminating the sky. The progress of the fire was rapid. The elegant steeple was soon ablaze. The ringing of the fire bells throughout the city brought all the various fire apparatus to the scene which was composed of volunteer companies together with an immense concourse of the citizens, many of whom bewailed the destruction of one of the chief ornaments of the city.

The fire made such rapid progress that the Brethren of Washington Lodge, meeting in the Grand Lodge room on the second floor, had not time to close the Lodge without risking the lives of the brethren. All, however, escaped in safety, without however saving any of the property of the Lodge. The first "Book of Transactions" and all the records from 1793 to 1806, the aprons painted by Woodside with much other property of the Lodge, was destroyed.

The citizens and firemen worked well into the night, and it was long after midnight before the fire was under control, and all danger from extending to adjoining properties passed.

When the sun rose upon the next day, there was nothing left of the venerated pile but the gray walls and the smoking ruins of the interior.

Fortunately the masonry of the walls was still intact, and, upon subsequent examination, it was found that they were unharmed by the conflagration and still serviceable. Steps were immediately taken towards rebuilding the hall, which was accomplished without,

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however, replacing its chief ornament, the beautiful spire, which had capped the original building.

Following are some of the newspaper accounts of the calamity, and the subsequent action taken towards the rebuilding of the Masonic Hall:

Philadelphia, Wednesday Morning, March 10, 1819.

A PUBLIC CALAMITY.

Yesterday evening, that superb edifice, the MASONIC HALL, situated in Chestnut-street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, fell a prey to the devouring Flames. This elegant building, reared by the piety of faithful Brethren, was one of the ornaments that graced our city. To the whole community, the loss is great, but most particularly so to the Masonic Fraternity—*their* loss is *immense;* but this is not all; their means of usefulness, from this extensive calamity, are, in a great measure, cut off:—pursuing an extended system of love and benevolence, unknown to the world, agreeably to that divine precept of our LORD, which says, "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth;" Oh how often, often, often, have they dried up the tears of the *Widow* and the *Orphan;* while the *aged,* the *afflicted,* the *sick,* and the *dying,* to whom they have administered comfort and consolation, have blessed them. To behold themselves stopped short in their labours of love, pungently adds to their calamity. Their loss is indeed the greater, as it will cause the tears of the Orphan, the Widow, and the Desolate, to flow, which it was their greatest pleasure to assuage.

It is indeed a public calamity!

It is believed that the fire originated from one of the chimneys in the Ball-room below, which bursted, after the company had assembled.

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Lodge, No. 59, had assembled up-stairs, it being their stated night, and had barely time to make their escape, so rapid was the progress of the flames. The elegant Steeple, which ornamented the building, when half-consumed, broke in two, and fell on the roof, without damaging the adjacent buildings.

We feel overwhelmed by the present calamity, which we are sure will be felt by all good men.

Philadelphia, Thursday Morning, March 11, 1819.

MASONIC NOTICE.

Philadelphia, March 11th, 1819.

All Masonic Brethren residing in the City and County of Philadelphia, are requested to meet at the Washington Hall, this morning, (Thursday,) at 10 o'clock.

By order of the R. W. Grand Master,

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, Friday Morning, March 12, 1819.

The assemblage of Masons yesterday, at the Washington Hall, was very numerous; much more so indeed than the most sanguine expectations could have anticipated, considering the shortness of the notice, and the inclemency of the day. Brother the Rev. Dr. Rogers, Grand Chaplain, opened the meeting by a most impressive Prayer to the Throne of Grace, in which the crowd of Brethren present appeared to join with heart-felt devotion. He was followed by Brother Saml. F. Bradford, Past Grand Master, who, in a strain of eloquence, not often equalled, took a retrospect of the past, and, pointing to the future, urged the Brethren not to weary in well-doing, but to persevere to the end. The heart of every Mason present, responded to the voice—and "ONWARDS, ONWARDS, ONWARDS,"

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with *Faith,* and *Hope,* and *Charity,* to guide our steps, was the solemn determination of every faithful Brother.

MASONIC MEETING.

At a general meeting of the Masons residing in the City and County of Philadelphia, held in pursuance of public notice, at the Washington Hall, in the City of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the 11th March, 1819, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The Grand Master being prevented by indisposition from attending, and the Deputy Grand Master being absent from the City, the Senior Grand Warden,

THOMAS ELLIOTT, Esq. (as Grand Master) presided, and

GEORGE A. BAKER, (the Grand Secretary) acted as Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer, by the Rev. Dr. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

The Chairman stated, that the Hall of the Grand Lodge, having been consumed by fire, on the evening of the 9th instant, a meeting of the Masonic Brethren residing within the city and county of Philadelphia, had been convened this day, for the purpose of devising means to increase the funds of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to rebuild their edifice.

Past Grand Master Samuel F. Bradford, delivered an elegant and appropriate address to the Brethren on the occasion which had collected them together, and offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That a subscription be now opened for the purpose of raising the funds of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to construct a suitable edifice, in which to hold the meetings of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master appoint a Com-

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mittee, to consist of three members from each Lodge, meeting in the City and County of Philadelphia, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions from Masons, for the rebuilding of the Masonic Hall; that the Committee so appointed, be desired immediately to meet and proceed at once to accomplish the object entrusted to them, and to pay over the monies collected to the Grand Treasurer: and that the said Committee be authorized to receive such contributions, as our benevolent Fellow Citizens, who are not Masons, may think proper to make.

The following Brethren were then appointed a Committee for the above purpose:

Lodge No. 2. Joseph Burden, Dr. John Sommer, Anthony Lafitte.

3. Robert De Silver, Solomon Allen, William M'Corkle.

9. William Wray, John Wilson, Patrick M'Guigan.

19. Richard Mackey, Samuel Beatty, James Maxwell.

51. Joseph T. Clement, Frederick V. Krug, James M'Alpin.

52. John Thomas, Benjamin Molineaux, George W. Jones.

59. James Forsyth, Thomas M'Lean, George Curry.

67. William Weaver, Andrew Hooten, Samuel Webb.

71. John Darragh, Charles Schnider, Giles M'Dowell.

72. Joseph Blame, Jacob Alter, George Burgen.

73. P. R. Branu, Destouet Follin, —— Laussar.

91. Henry G. Freeman, Daniel L. Peck, John Thompson.

102. Mahlon Dungan, Thomas W. Duffield, Samuel Denny.

114. Henry Benner, James Harper, jr. Peter Benner.

115. Thomas Burrows, Henry Stiles, Nicholas Tillinghast.

121. Robert Toland, George Morrison, Isaac Levis.

125. Charles W. Westphall, William Mayweg, Henry Riesch.

126. Benjamin Sharpnack, John C. Tillinghast, Samuel Durborrow.

127. Israel Young, George Dannaker, Francis Savoy.

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128. John Smith, Stacy Fowler, John Jones.

130. Henry Horn, Peter Perpignan, George Gloninger.

131. Alphonso C. Ireland, Cornelius Stevenson, Anthony Fannen.

134. Jacob Mechlin, Benj. R. Vanhook, Peter Williamson.

139. Christopher Kreible, David H. Mason, James Redman.

155. William Mandry, Isaac Avery, Levi Anker.

158. John D. Ferguson, Alva Mason, John W. Kelly.

160. Charles A. Droz, Peter Bouneuill, Ylair F. Deluy.

Resolved, That the Brethren now assembled, will individually exert themselves in promoting the object contained in the foregoing resolutions.

A letter addressed to the Grand Master, was received and read, from Brother Victor Pepin, Manager of the Olympic Theatre, offering to appropriate, towards rebuilding the Masonic Hall, the proceeds of a benefit to take place at the said Theatre, on Monday next. When, on motion,

Resolved, That the offer of Brother Victor Pepin be accepted, and that the thanks of this meeting be presented to him for his very liberal and benevolent offer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to Robert Wharton, Esquire, Vice-President of the Washington Benevolent Society, and the Hall Committee, for their politeness in offering the Grand Saloon, and other rooms of the Hall, for the accommodation of the present meeting.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the different fire and hose companies, and to our fellow-citizens generally, for the promptitude with which they repaired to our assistance, on the night of the conflagration.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published.

THOMAS ELLIOTT, Chairman.
GEORGE A. BAKER, Secretary.

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At a meeting of the Grand Officers, held in the afternoon of the 11th March, 1819.

A letter from Messrs. Warren and Wood, Managers of the Philadelphia Theatre, addressed to the Grand Master, was received, containing an offer to give a benefit, the proceeds of which should be appropriated to aid the funds of the Grand Lodge in rebuilding their Hall. Which offer was accepted, and it was ordered that the thanks of the Grand Officers be respectfully returned to Messrs. Warren and Wood, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, for their kind and affectionate attention.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, March 11, 1819.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, this day convened in consequence of the recent calamitous destruction of the Grand Lodge—Present, Charles Biddle, Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Thomas M'Euen, and the Grand Officers.

The meeting, with a view to relieve any anxiety entertained by the holders of the stock of the Masonic Loans, resolved to publish the following statement, viz.

The amount of the Loan is	$66,000
Towards the payment of which, is the Sinking Fund, amounting to	$15,088
The sum insured on the Lodge,	$20,000

And the lot on Chestnut-street, with the remains of the building, which are estimated to be more than equal to the balance.

It is believed that the sum insured on the Lodge, aided by such collections as may be obtained from the Masonic family, and others, will be sufficient to re-construct the building in its former elegance, and that the present resources of the

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Grand Lodge are such as will insure a continuance of their usual punctual discharge of the interest.

CHARLES BIDDLE, President.
GEORGE A. BAKER, Secretary.

So great was the interest taken by the general public in this great calamity which overtook the Brethren, that a large painting was at once made of the scene upon the fateful night, for the purpose of having an engraving made of the conflagration.

The blazing hall, adjoining buildings and background was painted by Samuel Jones, a local artist, while the figures and mise-en-scene were painted in by J. L. Krimmell, a noted figure painter, then living in Philadelphia. This picture not only gives some idea of the commotion and excitement at the time, but also shows the different type of costumes worn by both the citizen and Volunteer Firemen of the day. The different fire engines in action throwing the gallery stream upon the burning building are faithfully portrayed; even the names of several of the fire Companies on the hats, such as Dilligent, Hand-in-hand, Hibernia and Harmony, can be made out. One of the most interesting figures in the group is the Secretary, Nicholas O'Connor of Washington Lodge, No. 59, carrying out some of the properties of the Lodge; prominent among which is the Bible in his arm and the large brass key of the Hall in his hand.

As soon as this painting was finished, it was turned over to J. Hill, who engraved the scene upon a copper plate, measuring 21¼′ × 17¼ inches; so rapidly did he work that the plate

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was finished in a little over two months time. The prints were published by Kennedy and West at No. 72 (old number) Chestnut Street.

The plate was dedicated by the publishers to the Volunteer Fire and Hose Companies.

In the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania there are several original impressions from this plate.

It will not be amiss at this time to give a short contemporary description of this building, which at that time was said to be the "Most beautiful Masonick Temple erected since the days of Solomon." viz:—

The design was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Nov. 21, A. D. 1808, and the foundation stone laid in masonick form in the northeast corner of the building on the 17th of April, 1809, at 8 O'clock in the morning.

The building measures in front from east to west 82 feet, and in breath from north to south 69. It stands from the portae or gateways (which are immediately upon the line of the street) 50 feet, a distance calculated to exhibit its general effect at one view.

The brick work in front is supported by buttresses of particoloured marble, enriched with niches for statues, which are capped by triangular pinnacles, and connected together by an embattled parapet, coped with marble.

The principal entrance into the hall is by a large and elegant flight of steps, occupying the whole space between the two centre buttresses; through a door-way with raised panels of curled maple, the jambs splayed and ornamented with clustered reeds, over which is a circular window 4 feet in diameter,

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enriched with tracery which admits light to the vestibule. The frontispiece on either side of the door is composed of columns and wainscoting supporting triangular pinnacles ornamented with tracery.

The windows on each side of the centre buttresses are divided by mullions into three compartments, which divaricate from the springing, and terminate in the crown of the arch.

The part of the front between two centre buttresses, being rough cast, and the most ornamented part of the building, gives the brick work on either side the effect of wings (although upon the same plane) which breaks the line of sameness, and produces a beautiful contrast.

The steeple is built of wood in stories, and rises out of the roof in the centre of the building; its whole height from the ground being 180 feet. The first story is 20 feet square, with clustered columns on the corners, surmounted by a cornice and embattled parapet.

The second story is 14 feet square with one column upon each corner, also surmounted by a cornice and embattled parapet, ornamented with niches and windows on all sides. Within the battlements of this story, springs an octagonal spire, capped by a ball, cardinal points, square, and compasses, &c.

The building was designed by Brother William Strickland, architect, and executed by Brother John Darrah, master builder, under the immediate direction of the following brethren, composing a building committee, viz:—George A. Baker, P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Richard Tybout, Thomas Passmore.

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After the destruction of the hall by fire on the night of March 9, 1819, the Brethren at once sought another meeting place, so that the meetings of the Grand Lodge and the various subordinate lodges could be held upon their regular stated nights. The Washington Benevolent Society at once offered the use of their hall to the Grand Lodge. The offer was accepted and, as before stated, the preliminary meetings were there held towards arrangements for rebuilding the destroyed hall.

On the morning succeeding the destruction of the Masonic Hall the members of the Hall Committee repaired to the spot, and in the performance of their duty secured and put into a place of safe deposit, all the effects they could obtain of any value; then, agreeably to the order of the R. W. Grand Master, they immediately went in search of a suitable place in which the Grand and Subordinate Lodges might hold their future meetings; and of the many situations viewed none appeared so eligible, convenient or reasonable as to terms as "the Old Masonic Hall," the Old Lodge room of which they have obtained.

In their report the Hall Committee state that the committee likewise obtained a lease, and for the same purposes, the Old Banqueting and Royal Arch Rooms. And that, agreeably to the order received from the R. W. G. M., the committee appointed "Suitable persons to survey and report on the New Hall, &c., whose report thereon is herewith presented."

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The Documents stating the terms on which the Grand Lodge hold their present tenure, as also the Vouchers for sundry disbursements made and the Lease of John Snyder, securing quiet possession of the premises, in whole or in part, for one or more years, Your Committee are not at present able to present, having been almost without intermission engaged in the performance of other important and pressing duties growing out of the late serious calamity. They will, however, soon be enabled to report at length on the foregoing subjects.

And as in purchasing the lease of this room from Doctor Rousseau it was Stipulated that he should be reimbursed the sum of Three Hundred Dollars expended by him, (including One Hundred and twenty five dollars being Six Months rent he had paid in advance) the Committee respectfully request that the R. W. Grand Lodge will direct the same to be paid to Doc. Rousseau on the full and complete Assignment to the G. Lodge of his right and title to this room, for the time being. They beg leave also to suggest that all of that part of the property which has been or may be saved from the ruins, which may prove to be so materially injured by fire as to be of no use in this, or in the construction of the New Hall, be sold at Public Auction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Phila., March 16, A. L. 5819.

(Sign'd) "FREDERICK ERRINGER, Char.
"Hall Committee."

"JOS. F. CLEMENT, *Secy."*

Which Report was adopted.

Thus on the evening of Tuesday, March 16, the Grand Lodge assembled in a Grand Special Communication in their former home on Filbert Street.

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The next Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 2 was held Monday evening, April 12, 1819, in the hall on the south side of Filbert Street, west of Eighth Street, which had been abandoned by the Grand Lodge in 1811, when the Chestnut Street Hall was completed and dedicated.

After the destruction of the Hall by fire, a period of depression set in, when the number of active members of Lodge No. 2 dwindled down to ten or twelve and the funds of the Lodge were not sufficient for its maintenance. It was in this emergency when a number of brethren, principally from Lodge No. 67, came to the rescue, and by their labor and example restored the oldest Lodge in the Jurisdiction once more to a state of vigor and prosperity.[1]

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. MS., MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 12, 1819.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Bro. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	50	Br. Myers	
" Jas. McKeage, S. W.	"	" McKoy	
" Thos. Stone, J. W.	50	" Mathias Benner	139
" A. Lafitte, Secry.	"	" Robt Barrett	128
" Jos. Burden, Treas.	"	" Stacy Fowler	do
" F. Nice	"		
" J. Jansson, Ds.	50		
" B. Harris	50		
" Js. Webster	50		
" Wm Simon	50		
Br. Carter sent	$5.00		
Br. F/ Wilhelm, on acct of initon.	$20.00		
Br. Jansson's dues pd Bulto.	4.50		
	$32.50	paid Treas.	

[1] Cf. "Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., Philadelphia, 1858," p. 8.

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An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock & the minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

The Committee appointed last stated meeting on the petition of Mr. Frederick Wilhelm reported favourably whereupon he was balloted for & unanimously appd.

The Candidate being in waiting was introduced, and agreeably to ancient form, initiated into the first degree of Masonry, and having returned thanks he received the usual instructions. & paid twenty dollars on account of his initiation fee.

The Secretary informed the Lodge that Br. Ruff had paid him the amount of dues he owed to this Lodge.

The Dues were collected & the Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ before Nine o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M. M., Monday Evening, May 10, 1819.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Bro. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	$ "50	Bro. Danneuberg	125
" Thos. Stone, S. W.		" J. W. Harris	52
" F. Nice, J. W.		" J. Subers	155
" A. Lafitte, Secy.		" Henry Heffer	43
" Burden, Treas.	50	" W. R. Wather	147
" Jannson	50		
" Beams	50		
" Harris	50		
	$2.50		

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at ½ p. 7

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O'clock. The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was read, ordered to be entered on the minutes.

An acct of the dues owing by this Lodge to R. W. Grand Lodge amounting to $184.10 was read & ordered to be paid.

The dues were collected & Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secretary.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M. M., Monday Evening, June 14th, 1819.

Members Present:	*Visitors:*	
Br. G. A. Baker, W. M.	Br. John C. Herman	127
" F. Nice, B. W.	" Jno. Curry	59
" Ns. Tillinghast vis. J.W. P. T.	" Nichs O'Connor	59
" A. Lafitte, Secry.		
" Forsythe, S. D.		
" Wile, J. D. vis.		

An E. A. L. was opened in due form at 8 o'clock & the Minutes of the last stated meeting were read & approved.

There being no business before the Lodge, the Tyler's bill was read & ordered to be paid, & the Lodge closed in harmony at 20 minutes past eight o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. Ms., MONDAY EVENING, JULY 12, 1819.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	$1	Br. C. Dannenberg	125
" Thos Stone, S. W.	" 50	" " Tillinghast	115
" F. Nice, J. W.	" "	" E. T. Weaver	50
" A. Lafitte, Secry.	" "	" " Thompson	
" Jos. Burden, Treasr.	" "		
" J. Jansson, S. D.	1 "		
" " Wile (vis) J. D.	" "		
" F. Wilhelm	5 "		
pd Treasr.	$7.50		

An E. A. L. op. in anct. form at 8 o'clock. The Minutes of the last stated night were read & approved. Br. Wilhelm was examined in open Lodge on the E. A. Degree & found worthy of being further advanced. The E. A. L. was closed & a F. C. L. was opened. Br. Wilhelm was introduced & passed to the degree of a fellow craft. A. petition for membership was read from Br. Emmor, T. Weaver, a master mason, formerly of Lodge No. 50, held at West Chester, and a committee consisting of Brs. Burden, Lafitte & Nice was appointed to inquire into the character of the petitioner. The dues were collected, Tyler's bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

A. LAFITTE, *Secry.*

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. Ms., MONDAY EVENING, AUG. 9, 1819.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*
Br. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	$" 50	Br. Tichenor.
" James McKeage, S. W.	" "	" Tillinghast.
" Thos. Stone, J. W.	" 50	" Parry.

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Members Present:		*Visitors:*
Br. A. Laffitte, Secy.	$"	Br. E. Haydock.
" Joseph Burden, Treas.	1 "	&c. &c.
" Jacob Jansson	50	
" Fh. Wilhelm, balance of inton.	10. "	
" Emmor T. Weaver	" "	
	$12.50	Paid Treasurer.

An. E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at ½ past 7 o'clock and the last stated meeting were read & approved. The Committee appointed to inquire into the character of Br. E. T. Weaver, an applicant for membership reported favourably upon which he was balloted for & unanimously elected. He was then introduced returned thanks & took his seat accordingly.

Br. Wilhelm a F. C. having expressed a wish of being further advanced in Masonry, the Lodge dispensed with his examination & proceeded to close the E. A. L.

All who were not Master Masons having withdrawn, a M. M. L. was opened in due form. Bro. Wilhelm was introduced and according to ancient form, raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He then received the usual instructions and having returned thanks paid Ten Dollars, the balance of his initiation fee.

The Dues were collected, Tyler's bill ordered to be paid & the Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ before Nine o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

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STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. MS., MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 13, 5819.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	$" 50	Br. Owen Sheridan	126
" F. Nice, S. W. P. T.		" Justinian F. Davis	67
" Grant (vis) J. W.		" James Eps.	158
" A. Lafitte, Secry.		" Levi Ancker	155
" J. Burden, Treasr.	" 50	" Saml. Withey	9
" F. Wilhelm		" John Fraser	52
" J. Jansson	50	" Benedict Tibbals	158
" B. Harris		" Jacob Wagner	114
" Emmor T. Weaver	1.87½	" Elias Tibbals	158
	$3.37½	pd. Treas.	
		" W. H. Frankland	67

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at ½ p 7 o'clock & the minutes of the last stated meeting were read & approved. There being no business, the dues were ordered to be collected, & the Lodge closed at 8 o'clock.

A. LAFITTE, *Secry.*

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, ANCIENT YORK MASONS, MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 11, 1819.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. G. A. Baker, W. M.	$" 50	Bro. Thompson	87
" James McKeage, S. W.		" Wile	67
" Fk. Nice, J. W.			
" A. Lafitte, Secry.			
" ..... Treas.			
" Jansson	" 00		
" Emmor T. Weaver	3.62½		
	$4.12½		

An E. A. L. opened in ancient form at 7 o'clock & the

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Minutes of the last stated meeting were read & approved.

A petition for initiation was received from a Mr. Henry Lieb, a carpenter, aged 24 years, and residing at No. 340 North 3d St. recommended by Brs. McKeage, Weaver, & Jansson a committee to enquire into the character of the petitioner.

A petition for membership was read, from Br. Davis P. Thomson, a Master mason late of No. 81, Germantown, by trade a carpenter, & residing at No. 5 South 7th street, recommended by Brs. Baker & Lafitte whereupon, a committee consisting of Brs. Nice, McKeage & Weaver was appointed to make the necessary enquires.

The Dues were collected, the Tyler's bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in Harmony at ½ p 8 o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secretary.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons, Monday Evening, November 8, 1819.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. G. A. Baker, W. M.	$" 50	Br. Neuman	
" James McKeage, S. W.		" Stagner	
" Fredk Nice, J. W.		" Wile	67
" Thos. Stone	" 50	" Tichenor	
" A. Lafitte, Secry.		" Cullen	
" Joseph Burden, Treasr.		" Jacob Randal (del)	
" Emmor T. Weaver	" 50	" H. Henyon	8 N. Y.
" Jacob Jansson	" 50	" Henry Barrett	130
	$2. "	" John Hyneman	139
		" Jas. Stuttgard	126
		" John Goodman	139

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 6½ o'clock

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& the minutes of the last stated Meeting were read and approved.

The petition of Mr. Henry Lieb, was balloted for and approved. The petition of Br. David D. Thompson was withdraw.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge No. 43, in Pennsylvania containing a plan to establish a uniformity in the mode of working in all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Penna. &c. ordered to be deposited in the Archives.

Dues collected, Tyler's bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons, Monday Evening, December 13, 1819, A. L. 5819.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	$1.	Br. L. Keatting	67
" James McKeage, S. W.	" "	" A. Wile	do
" Thomas Stone, J. W.	" .50	" R. Tichenor	do
" A. Laffitte, Secry.	" "	" J. J. Matthews	do
" Joseph Burden, Treasr.	" "	" E. Haydock	131
	$1.50	&c. &c.	

Carried forward.

Members:			
Brot. over	$1.50	Br. James Webster	2 "
Br. Emmor T. Weaver	" "	" James Fearon	4.50
" John Anderson	1 "	" Henry Lieb, on acct. of inion.	20 "
" Richard Tice	8 "	" Frederick Wilhelm	" "
" Benjamin Harris	" 50	" Paul A. Olives	5 "
" John O'Brien	6 "	" E. T. Weaver, Colld. by Secry.	1. "
" Frederick Nice	6 "		$62.50
" Robert Allen	7 "		

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An E. A. L. opened in ancient form at 6½ o'clock, & the minutes of the last stated meeting were read & approved.

A Petition was read from Mr. Henry Irvine, innkeeper, for initiation, age fifty six years. residing No. 356 Market Street.

A similar petition was also read from Mr. G. L. Corbin of Virginia, residing at Mrs. Lackums 303 Race St.

A Communication was received & read from the R. W. Grand Treasurer, containing the account of Dues to the R. W. G. Lodge from Lodge No. 2, which account was ordered to be paid.

Henry Lieb, paid Twenty-dollars and was initiated into the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The M. Masons Lodge was then closed and an E. A. L. opened.

Deacons and C. appointed.

The dues were collected, Tyler's Bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in Harmony, at 9½ clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons, Monday Evening, January 10, 1820, A. L. 5820.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. G. A. Baker, W. M.	$" 50	Br. Lambert Keatting	67
" J. Webster, S. W.	1 "	" A. Wile	do
" E. T. Weaver, J. W.	" 50	" Tillinghast	
" A. Lafitte, Secry.		" Miller	
" Nice		" Jardella	52
" Tichenor (vis)		" Wm. Johns	131
" Thos. Stone.	50	" Jos. Johns	"
" J. Striby		" G. Culin	71

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Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. H. Lieb	$ 50	Br. D. Nathans	71
	$3. "	" Jacob Durff	52
Brot. over	$3.	" Jno. W. Harris	"
Collected by Secry from		" Nathl. Fowle.	3 N. Y.
Br. Wm. Ruff	4.50		
" Joseph Strieby	5. "		
pd. Treasr.	$12.50		

An E. A. L. opened in ancient form at 7 O'clock & the Minutes of the last stated meeting were read & approved.

A Petition for initiation was received from Mr. Caleb Weeks,

The Petition of Henry Irvine was withdraw.

It having been stated that a number of Master Masons, late, members of Lodge No. 67, held in this city & others desirous of attaching themselves to this Lodge, provided they were exonerated from the payment of the admission fee, and that in the present depressed situation of the Lodge, such an accession of members would be highly advantageous.

On motion made & seconded, Resolved that all master masons who shall, within three months from this date apply for membership to this Lodge, be admitted free of expense.

A Petition was read for membership, signed by Lambert Keatting, John Parker, Benjamin A. Meredith, Richard Fetters, Frederick Mensing V. Primrose, Alexr Caldwell, John Culin, Wm. T. Wickham, Ebenzer Tooly W. L. Thomson, Geo. F. Hailer, Richd.

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Tichenor, Wm. Bradly, Charles Warner, Andrew Wile, Adna Wood, Robt. Welford, Master masons.

The E. A. L. was closed & all who were not Master Masons having withdraw, a M. M. L. was opened. Installation of Officers.

The Master Masons Lodge was closed and An. E. A, L. was opened & the W. M. delivered a lecture on the first degree of Masonry.

The dues were collected & the Lodge closed in harmony at 8 O'clock. A. LAFITTE, *Secry.*

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. MASONS, MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 14, 1820.

Members Present:

Br. E. T. Weaver, W. M. P. T.	" 50
" James Webster, S. W.	$3. "
" Thos. Stone, J. W. P. T.	" 50
" A. Lafitte, Secry.	
" Joseph Burden, Treasr.	
" Henry Lieb	15.50
" Frederick Nice.	
" Benj. Harris,	" .50
" John Sommer	7 "
" Danl. Weyman	1 "
" Richd. Tice.	1 "
" John O'Brien	" 50
" Lambert Keatting	" 50
" Benji. A. Meredith	" 50
" Frederick Mensing	" "
" Violet Primrose	" 50
" Alexr Caldwell	" 50
" Geo. F. Hailer	" 50
" John Culin	" 50
" Ebenr Toole	" 50
" M. T. Wickham	" "
" John Parker	" 50
" Wm. Bradley	" 50
" Adna Wood	" 50
" Richd Fetters,	" 50
" R. Welford,	" 50
Pd. Tr.	$35.50

Visitors:

Br. Jackson Oliver,	131,	Phila.
" John Alten	9.	do.
" Thos. Thompson,	154	do.
" Wm. Haydock	131	"
" J. F. Davis, late of	67	"
" W. H. Frankland	do.	"
" W. H. Woodward,	72	"
" Henry Benner	44	do.

Visitors:

Br. David Snyder,	71	
" C. B. Harris,	52	
" G. W. Jones	do.	
" Lavy Aucker	115	
" James Morrell	126	
" F. Bogham	3	London.
" R. Aikin,	244	do.
" D. McCurdy,	75	Chester C. Y.

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An E. A. L. opened in ancient form at ½ p. 6 O'clock & the Minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Jesse R. Burden, applies for Initiation.

A similar petition was also read, signed by Lewis Lowry, Wm. Drum & Lawrence Shuster, vistuallers.

The petition of Mr. G. L. Corbin was balloted upon and unanimously approved.

The A. E. L. was closed, and A F. C. L. opened and Br. Lieb was Crafted.

The F. C. L. closed, and An. E. A. L. was opened.

The Committee appointed last stated meeting to enquire into the characters of a number of Master Masons, who applied for membership reported favourably, on which the following brethren were severally balloted for & unanimously elected &c.

Benj. A. Meredith	do.	M. T. Wickham	do
Fredk Mensing	do	John Parker	do
Violet Primrose	do	Wm. Bradley	do
Alexr Caldwell	do	Adna Wood	do
Geo. F. Hailer,	do	Richd Fetters	do
John Culin	do	Robt. Welford, No. 91.	do.
Ebenezer Toole	do		

A Petition for membership was read, signed by Justinian F. Davis, Geo. Fisher, and John Hoffecker, Master Masons, & late members of Lodge No. 67 held in this city.

Another petition for membership from Geo. Wood, a Master Mason & late member of Lodge No. 67, was also read.

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The petition of Caleb Weeks for initiation was withdraw,

A petition for charity was read from Mrs. Moore, widow of James Moore, formerly a member of America Lodge No. 10, Delaware, and a Committee were appointed to relieve the petitioner with the sum of five dollars, of found worthy.

The same sum was granted to Mrs. Graff, widow of Caspar Graff formerly a member of this Lodge & the same committee appointed.

On motion & seconded, it was resolved that "A Committee of three be appointed to revise the By-Laws & take an inventory of the effects belonging to this Lodge.

Br. G. F. Hailer requested that this Lodge would be pleased to recommend him for a dispensation to pass the chair, and grant him a certificate to the chapter, both which were agreed to.

The Tylers bill was ordered to be paid & the Lodge closed in Harmony at ½ p. 9 o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Special Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons, March 1, A. D. 1820.

Present:	*Present:*
Br. Lambert Keatting, W.M. P.T.	Br. Charles Schneider, J. W. do
" Emmor T. Weaver, S.W. do.	" Geo. F. Hailer,

A. M. M. L. opened in ancient form at 6 o'clock P. M., A. Dispensation was read from Bayse Newcombe, Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, for the State of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereto

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belonging, authorizing and empowering this Lodge to pass to the chair Br. Geo. F. Hailer a Master Mason & member thereof.

Br. Hailer was then introduced and passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 6¼ o'clock.

Signed E. T. Weaver, *Secry, P. T.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons, Monday Evening, March 13, 1820.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.		Br. John Golde late No. 2,	
" James Webster, S. W.	$1. "	" Joseph Dixey,	139
" E. T. Weaver, J. W.	" 50	" J. T. Clement	51
" A. Lafitte, Secry.	" "	" A. Fannen	131
" Joseph Burden, Jr.	" "	" Wm. Haydock,	131
" Fk. Nice.	" "	" Wm. Piersol	67
" Henry Lieb	" "	" J. W. Harris,	52
" V. Primrose,	50	" Wm. Barger,	9
" L. Keatting,	50	" J. H. Lemmon	do
" James McKeage	"	" R. Tichenor	67
" John Parker	50	" Chas. B. Harris	52
" Benj Harris	50	" Jacob Durff.	do
" Benj Meredith	50	" John Webb.	155
" Ebenr Toole	50	" Cornelius Stager	67
" Rd. Fetters.	50	" Lewis Alten	126
" Fk Mensing	50	" Lewis Culten	67
" Geo. Fisher	50	" Andrew Boyd	
" Alexr Caldwell,	50	" Robt. Aiken engD	244
" Robt Welford.	50	" Chas Stout,	67
" Jess R. Burden, initon. fee	35. "	" Peter Benner	115
" Adna Wood	50	" Peter De Benneville	21
	$42.50	" Henry Burgin	67
		" John Allen	9
		" Henry Kenyon	51
		" Justinian F. Davis,	67
		" H. L. Metcher,	"
		" Wm. L. Thomson,	67

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An E. A. L. was opened at 7¼ O'clock & the Minutes of the last stated & special Meetings were and approved.

A Petition was read from Mr. Jno. Winey, who applied for membership, formerly a member of Lodge No. 72.

Mr. Jesse R. Burden was balloted for and unamiously approved.

The E. A. L. was closed and the F. C. L. was opened, when Br. Lieb was examined on the F. C. D. and found worthy.

The F. C. L. was then closed and the M. M.'s Lodge opened when Br. Lieb was raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M.

The Committee on Brs. Justinian F. Davis, Geo. Fisher & John Hoffecker reported favorably whereupon they were ballotted for and unanimously elected.

The petition of G. H. Wood was withdrawn.

A Petition for charity was read from Mrs. Lydia Phillips, widow of John who was a member of this Lodge, whereupon a committee was appointed consisting of Bros. Lafitte, Weaver & Welford, & ten dollars were granted.

On motion & seconded resolved that a committee consisting of Brs. Keatting, Burden, Weaver, Welford & Webster be appointed to wait on the different Lodge in this city with the said petition, & endeavor to obtain some relief for the petitioner.

On Motion & seconded, Resolved that the following

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members be expelled from non payment of dues, to wit, Edward Bell, Luther Barnes, Edward Coxe, Enoch Carter, Joseph Douglass, Francis Duke, Timothy Dawes, Thomas Lotter, James McKeage, David Neilson, Moss Olmstead, Joseph Ruth Wm. Simon & Edward Warner.

Br. Emmor T. Weaver, requested to be recommended to the Arch, which was granted.

The tyler's bill was ordered to be paid, & the Lodge adjourned to meet at six O'clock on the next stated meeting, A. Lafitte *Secry.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Monday Evening, April 10, 1820.

Members Present:			
Br. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	$" 50	Br. Fredk. Nice,	$" 50
" James Webster, S. W.	1 "	" " Caldwell	" 50
" E. T. Weaver, J. W.	" 50	" J. R. Burden,	" 50
" A. Lafitte, Secry.	" "	" J. F. Davis,	" 50
" J. Burden, Treasr.	" 50	" Danl. Weyman,	1 "
" Adna Wood	" 50	" Robt. Welford,	" 50
" J. F. Haiter,	" 50	" F. Mensing	" 50
" Wm. Ruff	" "	" " Toole	" 50
" Geo. Fisher	" "	" Lambert Keatting,	" 50
" Benji. A. Meredith	" 50	" Initiation fee of Wm. Drum	35 "
" John Winey,	" 50	ditto do of Lawrence Shuster	35 "
" " Lieb	" 50	pd Treasr.	$80.50
" John Parker	" 50		

Visitors:			
Br. Jno. G. Lange.	125	" G. Blackford	do
" Jno. Stiff	125	" J. Raymond	147
" Thos. Thompson	154	" J. Eppes	158
" M. Cartwright	67	" Wm. Barger	9
" Jos. H. Mens.	52	" F. Savoy	127
" Jno. Allen	9	" G. Mulock	3
" A. Davis	72	" S. Webb	3
" A. Shaw late	2	" S. McDonald	127
" J. C. Herman	127	" Js. Morton,	do
" J. Oliver	131	" J. W. Harris	52
		" Joseph Durff	do

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An E. A. L. opened in ancient form at 6½ o'clock & the minutes of the last stated meeting were read approved.

Br. John Winey was ballotted for, and unanimously elected a member of this Lodge.

A Communication was read from the R. W. G. L. containing an account of Dues &c to St. John's day last, amounting to $283.94, which was ordered to be paid.

Lewis Lowry was balloted for, and unanimously approved.

Mr. G. L. Corlin, who was ballotted for & approved in February last, received the first degree of Masonry.

Wm. Drum and Lawrence Shuster were balloted for, and unanimously approved. They both received the first degree in Masonry.

Br. John Schreyer, formerly a member of Lodge No. 72, applied for membership.

Br. Wm. W. Sheed, late a member of Lodge No. 1, Rhode Island, applied for membership.

Br. George Hamilton, applied for membership.

Br. James McKeage, who was expelled at the last stated meeting for non-payment of dues was reinstated in all his rights & privileges in this Lodge.

Ed^d^ Warner, who was expelled at the same time, for non-payment of dues, was also reinstated.

On motion & seconded, resolved that a committee be appointed to procure new aprons, repair the columns, gavels, swords, &c, and obtain what is necessary for the procession in June next.

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The dues were collected & Lodge closed in harmony, at 9½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons, Monday Evening, May 8, 1820.

Members Present:		*Visitors:*	
Br. G. A. Baker, W. M.	" 50	Br. A. Hooton,	67
" Weaver, S. W. P. T.	" 50	" John Uhle	52
" L. Keatting, J. W.	" 50	" John W. Allen	128
" A. Lafitte, Secry.		" Saml. Hymas	67
" Burden, Treasr.		" A. C. Ireland	131
" F. Nice,		" Jacob Durff	52
" Wood		" Saml. Webb	3
" Lieb	" 50	" George J. Howell	81
	$2 "	Br. John Smith,	56
	$2 "	" Dallman, John.	3
Br. F. Mensing	" 50	" Danl. Boyd.	114
" E. Toole	" 50	" John Hanolin	52
" R. Fetters,	1 "	" John Kromer	139
" V. Primrose	" 50	" J. W. Harris,	52
" Alexr Caldwell,	" 50	" Chs. B. Harris	do
" Benj. Harris,	1 "	" Edward Allen	128
" Geo. Fisher	" 50	" Wm. Frankland	67
" G. F. Hailer,	" 50		
" G. R. Burden	" 50		
	$7.50		
Cash accompg. a pet. of initon.	15.		
	$22.50 pd. Treasr.		

An E. A. L. was opened at 7½ o'clock & the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Br. G. Hamilton was balloted for, and unanimously elected.

Br. William W. Sheed was also balloted for, and unanimously elected.

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A letter from Br. Joseph Budley, requesting permission to resign his membership in this Lodge accompanied with a note for the amount of his dues was read, whereupon, the lodge after refusing the note, Resolved that the Secretary, inform Br. Dudley that unless he pay up all his dues by the next stated meeting he shall be expelled.

Br. Saml. Hymas, a master mason, late a member of Lodge No. 67, Phila., applied for membership.

A petition for initiation was read from Richd. M. Horn aged 22, Josiah String aged 22, Joseph aged 32, residing in Camden.

The Committee on these petitions were instructed to write to the W. Masters of Woodbury & Mount Holly Lodges to learn whether these Candidates have been rejected, or any objections exist to their being made in this Lodge. The sum of fifteen dollars accompanied the petition & was deposited with the Treasr.

Br. Jesse R. Burden was passed to the degree of F. C. M, after the E. A. L. was closed and the F. C. M's opened.

Br. Schreyer's petition was withdrawn.

A circular petition for charity, from Br. Howell of No. 81, Germantown, was read, whereupon Brs. Burden, Lafitte & Wood were appointed a Committee & five dollars granted.

The Annual Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge was received & ordered to be entered on the minutes.

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The Committee to revise the By-Laws & draw up an inventory of the articles, belonging to this Lodge reported they had attended to that duty whereupon, the By-Laws as amended were read as far as the 9th article but, as the evening was far advanced, it was thought proper to postpone the subject.

The dues were collected, the Tyler's bill was ordered to be paid & the Lodge adjourned at 10 o'clock to Saturday evening next at 6 O'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Adjourned Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons, Saturday Evening, May 13, 1820.

Members Present:	*Visitors:*	
Br. Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	Br. John Uhle,	52
" Weaver S. W.	" Wolbert	127
" Fisher, J. W.		
" Lafitte, Secry,		
" Burden, Tr.		
" J. R. Burden		
" L. Shuster,		
" W. Drum		
" Wickham,		
" Hailer,		
" Lieb,		
" Primrose.		

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 6½. Mr. Lewis Lowry, a candidate for initiation approved in April last, being in waiting was introduced & initiated into the E. A. D.

The E. A. L. was closed, & all who were not Master Masons having withdrawn, a M. M. L. was opened, Mr Burden was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

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The Master Masons Lodge closed and a F. C. L. opened.

Brs. Lawrence, Shuster and Wm. Drum were passed to the second degree of Masonry.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons, Monday Evening, June 12, 1820.

Members Present:			
Br. G. A. Baker, W. M.	$....	Br. Ruff,	$ 50
" Weaver, S. W.	" 50	" Harris	" 50
" Fisher, J. W.	" 50	" Hamilton	" 50
" Lafitte, Secry.		" Stone	2. "
" Wood,	50	" Webster,	" 50
" Meredith,	1 "	" Hymas	" "
" Hailer	" 50	" Toole	" "
" Drum,	" 50		$9.50
" Drum,	" 50	*Members:*	
" Keatting,	" 50		9.50
" Nice,	" "	Br. Lieb,	$" 50
" Parker,	" "	" Davis,	" 50
" Primrose,	" 50	" Winey	1 "
" Mensing	" 50	" Welford	1 "
" Burden	" "	" Culin	2 "
" J. R. Burden	" 50	" Fearon	3 "
		" Lowry,	" 50
			$18. "

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock & the minutes of the last stated & Adjourned meetings, were read & approved.

A Petition for Initiation was applied for by Mr. Robt. W. Jones.

Messrs Thorn, String & Shinn were balloted for and unanimously approved.

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Br. William Briggs, formerly a member of Hiram Lodge No. 81, Germantown applied for membership.

Br. Saml. Hymas was balloted for and unanimously elected.

Br. Lowry, an E. A. having desired to be advanced, the E. A. L. was closed and the F. C. L. was opened, when Br. Lowry was passed to the second degree of Masonry.

Br. Drum, an F. C. M, having desired to be advanced, the F. C. L. was closed and the M. M. L. was opened, when Br. Drum was raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M.

The M. M. L. closed and an E. A. L. was opened.

A Communication from the R. W. G. L. was received, requesting a speedy payment of the Grand Lodge dues, amounting to $263. 34/100.

It was ordered that the Treasurer should pay over what money might be in the funds to answer this demand.

An application for charity was received from the widow of our late Br. Drevis, whereupon ten dollars were placed in the hands of Brs. Burden, Fearon & J. R. Burden to relieve her as circumstances might direct.

Br. Manning's bill amounting to 7 dollars for printing notices for this lodge, was presented and ordered to be paid.

Dues collected, Tyler's bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, MONDAY EVENING, JULY 10, 1820.

Members Present:			
Br. G. A. Baker, W. M.	" 50	Br. Geo. Drum,	50
" E. T. Weaver, S. W.	" 50	" Primrose,	
" Geo. Fisher, J. W.	" 50	" Hamilton,	50
" Lafitte, Secry.		" Ruff	
" Meredith	" 50	" Welford,	50
" Parker,		" Shuster,	50
" Wood		" Briggs,	$5 "
" Nice,		" Jones	10. "
" Lowry	50	" Hailer	
" J. R. Burden,		" Webster	1. "
" Warner,	50	Pd Treasr.	$21. "

An E. A. L. opened in ancient form at 7 O'clock & the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Mr. R. W. Jones was balloted for and unanimously approved.

Br. Wm. Briggs was balloted for, and unanimously approved.

Mr Jones was initiated in the first degree of masonry, and paid ten dollars on account of his initiation.

A Master Masons Lodge was opened and Br. Lowry was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Br. Shuster was also raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The M. M. L. was then closed & an entered apprentice Lodge opened.

A circular petition for charity was read from Br. G. Cooper, whereupon Brs. Weaver, Welford and Wood were appointed a Committee and five dollars granted for his relief.

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A similar petition was received from Mrs. Jane Pollards, whereupon the same sum was granted and Brs. Weaver Ruff & Meredith were appointed, a committee.

The dues collected, Tyler's bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in harmony at 10 O'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Stated Meeting (Aug. 14, 1), Lodge No. 2, Monday Evening, August 14, 1820.

Members Present:			
Br. G. A. Baker, W. M.	$" 50	Br. Toole,	1 "
" Weaver, S. W.	" 50	" Hamilton,	" 50
" Wood, J. W.	1 "	" J. R. Burden,	
" Lafitte, Secry.		" Harris	1
" Burden, Jr.		" Lieb,	1
" Parker,		" Nice	
" Meredith,	" 50	" Strieby,	
" Ruff		" Stone	
" Fisher,	" 50	" Hailer,	1 "
" Keatting,	" 50		9 "
" Sommer	1 "	Br. Shinn's initiaon.	30 "
		Pd Treasr.	$39 "

An E. A. L. was opened in anct. at 7¼ o'clock & the Ms. of the last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Br. Cooper reported they had relieved him with the sum of five dollars. The committee on Mrs. Pollard reported they given her five dollars, the sum granted by the Lodge.

The By-Laws were then taken up and underwent a first reading.

Mr. Joseph Shinn was initiated and received the first degree of masonry.

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An application for charity was made on behalf of the widow Graff, upon which five dollars was granted.

Br. Matthew Pryor made by dispensation in No. 121, Philadelphia applies for membership.

The dues were collected, Tyler's bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in harmony, at 40 minutes after 8 O'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Ms., Monday Evening, September 11, 1820.

An E. A. L. was opened at 7½ o'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting, were read and approved.

Br. John Douglass, Jr. formerly a member of this Lodge again applies for membership.

Br. Archibald Polack a M. M., made by Dispensation in Lodge No. 71, Philadelphia, applies for membership.

Brs. McKeage & Jasson's petitions to withdrawn were read & ordered to lie over.

On Motion, it was resolved that Br. McKeage's dues be remitted.

Br. Matthew Pryor was balloted for and unanimously elected.

A Communication was read from the commissioners appointed by the R. W. G. M. to obtain a loan of $20.000 for the purpose of finishing the New Hall in Chestnut Street.

Dues collected & Lodge closed in harmony at 9 O'clock,

A. Lafitte, *Secry.*

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Br.	G. A. Baker	50	Br.	Fisher	50
"	Wood	50	"	Keatting	1.50
"	Weaver		"	Meredith	50
"	Lafitte		"	Primrose	1. "
"	Ruff		"	Stone	
"	O'Brien	50	"	Nice	
"	Hailer		"	Hamilton	50
"	J. R. Burden		"	Pryor	5. "
"	Lowry	1. "	"	Toole	" 50
"	Lieb	1. "	"	Fetters	2. "
"	Parker			pd Tres.	$15. "

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M., MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 9, 1820.

Members Present:

Br.	Geo. A. Baker, W. M.	$" 50	Br.	Primrose	" 50
"	Weaver, S. W.	1.	"	Toole	" 50
"	Wood, J. W.	" .50	"	Fetters	" 50
"	Lafitte		"	Hamilton	" 50
"	Burden	" 50	"	Caldwell	2. "
"	Ruff		"	Welford	
"	Fisher		"	Briggs	1. "
"	Parker		"	Lowry	" 50
"	Bradley	4.50		Pd Treasr.	$17.00
"	Pryor				
"	Hailer	" 50			
"	Heed	2.50			
"	Stone	1 "			
"	Keatting	" 50			
		$11.50			
	Over	$11.50			

The following members were present at the above meeting.

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 6½ o'clock, and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved. The W. M. informed the Br. that the consecration of the New Hall in Chestnut St. was to

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take place on the 1st Novr. next, and requested all those who could make it convenient to join the Grand Procession which was to be formed on that day. He also appointed a Committee of 7, viz Brs. Weaver, Nice, Wood, Primrose, Briggs, Ruff & Keatting to wait on the absent members & invite them to attend on the occasion. Br. Wood was app^{d}. Marshal, Br. J. R. Burden, Treasr. & Brs. Primrose & Hailer Masters of Ceremonies to walk with this Lodge in the Procession. The Committee on the Petition of Br. Jno. Douglass, reported favourably whereupon he was balloted for and unanimously elected.

A Communication was received from the R. W. G. Lodge containing the report of a committee appd. by the R. W. G. Master to consider the follg. resolutions, viz:—

(1) The establishment of a General Grand Lodge in the United States.

(2) The appointment of Lecture masters to Lecture in the Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction &

(3) That all questions, as well as the election of Officers of the Grand Lodge, shall be determined by a majority of votes, each Lodge having one vote. The report having been read was ordered to be deposited in the archives of the Lodge. A circular Petition for charity from Br. Petrovitch was read, whereupon two dollars & Fifty cents were granted. The Lodge proceeded to collect the dues & closed in harmony at 8 O'clock.

A. Lafitte, *Secretary.*

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AS REBUILT AFTER THE FIRE.

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CHAPTER XXIV

The Masonic Hall of 1820

1819–1820

SO rapidly had the work of rebuilding the Hall progressed under the direction of the building committee, that it was ready for occupancy in the fall of 1820, and was rededicated Wednesday, November 1, 1820; just twenty months after the fateful March night of the previous year.

The Committee met for the first time on the 18th of March, and having named their Chairman, appointed George A. Baker to be their Secretary, at such compensation as should be fixed by the Committee after they had learned by experience the duties he would have to perform, and which at the expiration of three Months was fixed at One hundred and fifty dollars per Annum.

The Committee at their first meeting also directed that the remaining part of the Hall should be cleared of the rubbish and the Iron, &c., taken care of under the direction of Brother John Nisbet, who had been previously put in charge of the premises by the R. W. Grand Master.

The Committee then proceeded to invite in the public papers, and plans for reconstructing the Hall, with an offer of

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One hundred dollars for such plan as should be approved. A number of plans were accordingly submitted, none of which exactly suited the views of the Committee, who finally agreed to one formed from those which were submitted, and then invited the Grand Officers and past Grand Masters to consider the same, who after several meetings and suggesting alterations, finally on the 15th April approved of the following, viz:

That the exterior Walls of the Masonic Hall shall not be taken down.

That in the plan to be adopted for the reconstruction of the Hall, no preparation shall be made for laying the foundation of a spire.

That the internal work of the Hall shall be finished in a neat, plain manner.

That the arrangement of the rooms in the lower story shall be the same as before.

That the arrangement of the rooms in the second story shall be the same as before, except that the Grand Lodge room shall be square instead of circular as before, and that the refreshing room shall be made into a Lodge room.

That the brick work in the front wall shall be rough cast.

That an additional building suitable for the purposes of refreshments shall be erected in the rear of the Hall running North with the Western line of the same.

That the roof of the Hall and of the additional building shall be slated.

Immediately after this Meeting the Committee proceeded to consider the best mode of going on with the work, and determined not to have it done by contract, but to employ a superintendent who should devote his whole time to the business, to keep the accounts of all the work done, to hire and pay hands, and as far as practicable to procure the work to be

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done by the piece. The Committee fixed his compensation at four Dollars per day, and subsequently appointed Samuel Webb, superintendent, who has discharged the duties to the satisfaction of the Committee.

The Committee in their report to the Grand Lodge state that they determined at an early period to employ Brethren only to do the different work where it could be done without injury to the interest of the Grand Lodge, which has always been the object of their primary attention.

In all instances where possible, the Committee have invited proposals for doing the different parts, and have selected those which under all circumstances they consider best.

Some alterations in the plan of the building in the rear of the Hall having been suggested to the Committee, the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters were desired to consider them, who on the 10th May approved of the plan, which will be more fully explained by the accompanying drafts.

The Committee have considered it their duty to prepare plans for those who were to decide on them, and to carry into effect what was directed by the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters, tho' differing in some points from their own views of the subject.

The Committee beg leave to refer to their Minute Book to show their proceedings, the persons who they have employed, and the contracts they have made, which have been all for Cash, so as to obtain the greatest possible advantage.

The superintendent has prepared an estimate of the sum required to complete the building which is herewith submitted.

The Committee regret to say that the payments made to them on account of the subscriptions to rebuild the Hall are very trifling and they think some plan should be devised to hasten the collection, which will be a saving to the Grand

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Lodge in the losses which delay would naturally beget, and also require less frequent drafts on the Insurance Company, where the Money is drawing interest. All which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign'd) JOSEPH F. LEWIS,
RICHARD TYBOUT,
JOSEPH BURDEN,
JAMES HARPER, JUN^R.,
CORNELIUS STEVENSON.

Philadelphia,
July 14, 1819.

This report was ordered to be laid on the table.

The estimate accompanying the said report was also read, and is as follows to wit:

At the request of the Building Committee I have made an estimate of the cost of reconstructing the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, and of the additional building to the North thereof, and am of the opinion the same will amount to thirty eight thousand nine hundred and eighty four dollars.

(Sign'd) SAMUEL WEBB.

Efforts were made in the meantime by the Grand Officers towards a plan for renting out parts of the rebuilt hall. At the adjourned Quarterly Communication held November 1, 1819, the following report was read.

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the application of Victor Guillou to rent certain parts of the Hall made report, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the application

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from Victor Guillou for renting certain rooms in the New Hall,

Respectfully Report,

That they have taken the subject into consideration, and are of opinion that it is adviseable to let such parts of the New Hall as will not be required for Masonic purposes as speedily as possible after the rooms shall be respectively completed.

That it is the duty of the Grand Lodge in its present circumstances to procure the best rent for them that can be obtained, and that in their opinion a greater rent can be obtained for some of them by renting them for balls than for any other purpose. They therefore recommend that they be let for that purpose, and respectfully submit the subjoined resolutions for approbation and adoption.

(Sign'd) B. Newcomb, G. M.
Jos. Barnes, D. G. M.
Thos. Elliott, S. G. W.
J. Randall, J. G. W.
George A. Baker, G. S.

Nov. 1, 1819.

1. Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed who shall have power to rent such of the rooms in the New Hall as shall not be required for Masonic purposes so soon as the same shall be respectively completed.

2. Resolved, that the said Committee be authorized to let such of the rooms as they may deem expedient for Ball rooms.

Which report and resolutions were adopted.

Efforts were also made to release the Hall from local taxation as shown by the following resolution.

On Motion, Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master

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be hereby authorized to appoint a Committee on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to apply and endeavour to procure from the General Assembly of Pennsylvania an exoneration of the Lot and Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street now rebuilding, from all taxes or assessments for the term of 20 years, or such other period as they in their discretion may deem right and expedient, in consequence of the heavy loss sustained by the late awful and destructive conflagration.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the Grand Officers together with the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, Viz: Edward Burd, Thomas M^c^Euen, Richard Bache, Jacob Holgate, Richard Tybout, James Harper, jun^r.^ William Delany, Peter A. Browne, Joseph Worrell, George M. Dallas, Thomas Kittera, Samuel Badger and James N. Barker.

At the Adjourned Quarterly Communication held December 20, 1819.

The Chairman of the Building Committee stated that he was instructed by that Committee to mention the case of a Carpenter of the name Hugh Pugh, (not a Mason), who had been materially injured by a fall from a Scaffold in October last, whilst engaged in reconstructing the Masonic Hall, that he was so much injured thereby as to be unfit for labor, and probably would remain so for some months, with a Wife and several Children, and recommending some relief, and at the same time offered the following Resolution, Viz:

Resolved, that the Building Committee be authorized

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to grant relief to Hugh Pugh at their discretion, not exceeding the sum of Fifty Dollars.

As the work of rebuilding the New Hall progressed, the question of lighting the building was taken up and at an Adjourned Quarterly Communication held February 7, 1820,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be desired to appoint a Committee consisting of five Members for the purpose of considering the expediency of lighting the New Hall with Gas lights and to report to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, with estimates of the expense attending its introduction, together with estimates of the annual expense of Candles, Oil and Gas.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers James McAlpin, Armon Davis, Robert Toland, Peter Benner and Benjamin Say a Committee for the purposes contained in the foregoing resolution.

At the Grand Quarterly Communication March 6, 1820:

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of lighting the New Hall with Gas made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of lighting the New Hall with Gas,

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Report,

That the importance of the subject has induced them to investigate it with care and attention and the result is a perfect conviction in the minds of your Committee that Gas is decidedly preferable to any other mode of lighting the building.

The accompanying estimates and calculations are founded upon facts derived from experiments personally made by your Committee and from official sources, and aware that they generally fall far short of the absolute cost of Improvements, we have endeavoured to avoid misleading the Grand Lodge by extravagant calculation and believe the estimate for the Gas apparatus will be found more than sufficient for its erection.

Some objection may exist to the Gas on Account of the smell which is said to be produced in its making. This is true in regard to Gas produced from Coal, but gas produced from Tar, altho' the oil has a peculiar smell, is not very unpleasant, and if the apparatus is placed in the yard no person will be incommoded by it, nor can it be noticed inside of the Hall.

The Gas produces a much more pleasant light to the Eye, than the light from Oil or Candles, it possesses a great advantage in point of cleanliness, is much more safe, it produces no smoke, and there is no waste.

The Cost of Gas is not considerable after the apparatus is erected, and it is probable it can be disposed of to different establishments on moderate terms and with great advantage to the Grand Lodge.

The saving to be made by the use of Gas it will be perceived by the annexed calculation is $826.62 Annually; there are also several small incidental expenses accompanying the use of Oil and Candles which have not been noticed; the most

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important are, the repairs of lamps, the unavoidable breakage of Lamp Glasses, and the expense of Lamp Wicks. All which it is presumed would be little less than $100 per Annum.

We have no hesitation in strongly recommending the introduction of Gas into the New Hall.

Respectfully offering for your adoption the following resolution, we request our discharge.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to erect an apparatus for supplying the New Hall with Carburetted Hydrogen Gas to be made from Tar.

4 March, 1820.

(Sign'd) J. McAlpin, Armon Davis, Peter Benner, Rob. Toland, Benjamin Say, } Committee.

On Motion the said report was adopted.

On Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the building Committee with the addition of Bro. Say be a committee to carry the Resolution relative to the lighting of the New Hall with Gas into effect.

On Motion, it was further resolved, that the Committee appointed to erect an apparatus for supplying the Hall with Gas be authorized to contract with the Tenants who occupy the Hall for the use of the Gas.

At the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication held Monday May 1, 1820, On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Building Committee be requested to lay before the Grand Lodge at its next

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meeting a statement containing the amount actually expended by them and the probable sums yet to be expended respectively in the rebuilding the Hall, the erection of the rear buildings and the gas light apparatus, the funds belonging to the sinking fund that have been appropriated to any of these objects, the probable amount required to be borrowed on Loan, the amount collected by subscriptions and the amount yet due thereon, together with any other information necessary to a correct knowledge of the present state of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion, Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to place the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge at the disposal of the building Committee.

The following resolution was offered and laid on the Table:

Resolved, that the resolutions relative to the Masonic Procession and Banquet be reconsidered.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the procession shall be without expense to the Grand Lodge, that the expense shall be defrayed by a sum to be paid by each person walking in procession, and if any overplus shall remain that the same shall be placed in the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that each person walking in procession shall pay the sum of One Dollar and fifty Cents for the purpose aforesaid.

It was also Resolved that the Building Committee be

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and they are hereby authorized to take measures for obtaining on Loans any sum not exceeding twenty thousand Dollars, and that the sum raised be paid over to the Committee appointed by resolution of the Grand Lodge on the 21st June last.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Master appoint a Committee of Five, who together with the Committee on Gas lights, shall be a Committee for the purpose of procuring appropriate furniture for the respective rooms of the New Hall.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, viz: James McAlpin, Robert Toland, Anthony Fannen, Henry Y. Carter and Armon Davis.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary give special notice that at the next Adjourned meeting to be held on the First Monday in July, the resolution relative to the Masonic Procession and Banquet on the dedication of the Hall be reconsidered.

At the General Grand Communication held June 24, 1820,

An extract from the Minutes of the Building Committee of the 28th June last was received and read and is as follows, to wit:

On Motion, Resolved, that the Building Committee are of Opinion, that it is inexpedient for them to undertake to negotiate a Loan to complete the Masonic Hall, and that the

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Grand Lodge be requested to appoint another Committee to perform that duty. Whereupon,

On Motion, Resolved, that the Building Committee be excused from acting as a Committee to procure a Loan.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Committee of Five to negotiate the Loan authorized by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 5th June last.

At the General Grand Quarterly Communication held September 4, 1820:

The Committee appointed to procure on loan the sum of twenty thousand Dollars for the purpose of completing the Masonic Hall made report of the proposals offered by them which were read and are as follows, viz:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are willing to make a loan of twenty thousand Dollars for the purpose of finishing the New Hall in Chestnut Street.

They propose as Security:

First. A Mortgage to the Trustees of the Masonic Loans of the whole of the Property on Chestnut Street, extending to Lodge Alley, in trust for the Subscribers to the loan, subject to the Mortgages given to the said Trustees for the piror Loans, amounting to 65,000 Dollars, towards the payment of which the sinking fund already amounts to nearly 17,000 dollars; the income of the Grand Lodge will, it is believed, enable them to make an addition thereto of 5000 dollars per Annum.

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Second. A permanent insurance on the whole of the property to the Amount of 30,000 Dollars.

Third. The faith of the Grand Lodge for the faithful payment of the principal and interest half yearly, and the appropriation of the whole of its income, (after payment of the interest of the loans, taxes, and other incidental expenses,) to the sinking fund until the total extinction of its debts.

Fourth. The loan not to be redeemed without the consent of the holder, before the year 1840.

Fifth. One half the Amount subscribed, to be paid at the time of the Subscription, (or the whole at the option of the subscribers,) and the remainder within two Months, on failure of which, the first payment to be forfeited.

Sixth. Certificates transferable, to be issued in sums of One hundred Dollars each, payable with interest half yearly, at the rate of six per Cent per Annum.

By authority of the Grand Lodge.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS,
GEORGE A. BAKER,
ANDREW M. PREVOST, } Committee.
JAMES McALPIN,
WILLIAM BOYD,

August 14, 1820.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge approve of the Proposals of the Committee appointed to negotiate the Loan of twenty thousand Dollars and pledge its faith accordingly.

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Resolved, that the Trustees of the Masonic Hall be requested, and they are hereby authorized to execute a Mortgage upon all the property of the Grand Lodge, in Chestnut Street and Lodge Alley to the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, as security for the subscribers to the new Loan of twenty thousand dollars, authorized by a Vote of the Grand Lodge on the fifth day of June last.

At the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication held October 16, 1820, it was Resolved, that the several Committees who have been concerned in the erection and furnishing the New Hall, as well as preparing the materials of the procession, be required to furnish a statement of their expenditures as far as they have the means at the next Grand Communication.

While the hall was being rebuilt, the question arose as to the lighting of the various rooms used for lodge and renting purposes. It appears that it had cost the large sum of $1,800 per year to light the old hall with oil lamps and candles, so it was urged to install an apparatus to make hydrogen gas from tar, which it was stated would reduce the cost of lighting of the new hall a thousand dollars a year.

The plan was adopted and a "Gas Committee" was appointed. The original Minutes of the Committee is still in the Archives of the Grand Lodge. As this was the first permanent introduction of gas in the city of Philadelphia, the following extract from the original Minute Book will prove of interest.

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Extract from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of the 6th March, 1820.

"Resolved that a Committee be appointed to erect an apparatus for supplying the New Hall with Carburetta Hydrogen Gas to be made from Tar.

"On motion made and seconded,

"Resolved that the building Committee with the addition of Brother Benjamin Say be a committee to carry the resolution relative to the Lighting of the New Hall with Gas into effect."

The Building Committee is composed of Brothers Joseph S. Lewis, Richard Tybout, James Harpeyius, Joseph Burden and Cornelius Stevenson.

The above Committee met at the Hall of the Grand Lodge in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Friday March 10th, 1820, at half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Present Joseph Burden, Chairman, P. T.
James Harper, Junr.
Cornelius Stevenson,
Benjamin Say.

Resolved that Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, Chairman of the building Committee be the chairman of this Committee and George A. Baker, Secretary of the building Committee act as Secretary of this Committee.

Resolved that Brothers Say and Harper be a Committee to procure the pipes and apparatus necessary for the introduction of the Gas into the Hall.

Resolved that Brothers Lewis and Stevenson be a

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Committee to enquire whether any ground in the neighborhood of the Hall can be purchased to erect the gasometers on, and the terms on which it can be had.

Resolved that the stated meetings of the Committee shall be held every Wednesday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock at the New Hall.

Friday, March 17, 1820.—Committee met at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Present Joseph S. Lewis, Chairman,
James Harpeyius,
Cornelius Stevenson,
Benjamin Say.

On Motion Brothers Say and Webb were requested to measure and lay off the ground for the building of the apparatus for the Gas Lights.

Wednesday, March 22, 1820.—Committee met at half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

An Extract from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of the 20th instant was received and read whereby it appeared that the following Resolution was passed.

"On motion Resolved, that the Committee appointed to erect an apparatus for supplying the New Hall with Gas, be authorized to contract with the Tenants who occupy the Hall, for the use of the Gas."

On Motion resolved, that the building to be erected to contain the Gasometers, shall be built flush with the gate on the North end of the lot, and at the distance of eighteen feet from the North Wall of the Old Building, that the roof be flat and covered with metal and that the foundation shall not exceed Sixteen feet in depth.

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On Motion Resolved that the Gasometers be made of sheet iron.

On Motion, Resolved that Brothers Lewis and Say be authorized to contract with Guillou for the use of the Gas Lights.

On Motion, Resolved, that the superintendent be authorized to ascertain at what rate the brick work of the building to contain the Gasometers can be done.

The Committee appointed to procure pipes &c. reported that they had purchased a box of cut glass for Chandeliers, containing forty-eight thousand pieces, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

Wednesday, March 29, 1820.—Committee met at half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Proposals for doing the bricklayers work to the buildings to contain the Gasometers were received and read.

John Cromwell's proposal to lay the bricks by the thousand was accepted and the Secretary directed to draw a Contract for him to sign.

W. Harper stated that William Alexander would engage to dig the cellar for twenty five cents per cubic yard, whereupon it was resolved to employ him.

Wednesday, April 5, 1820.—Committee met at half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On Motion, the plan of the Cisterns submitted by Mr. Cromwell was adopted and the Secretary was directed to add to the Contract of M. Cromwell a Covenant to warrant that the said Cisterns shall be water proof.

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The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Guillou stated that he was willing to enter into a contract to take the Gas and Pay for it at the same rate he would pay for lighting his rooms with oil and candles.

On Motion, Brothers Lewis and Say were appointed to confer with Mr. Simmons and were authorized if they thought proper to agree with him for his assistance in fixing up the Gas apparatus.

Proposals for painting the building to be erected to contain the Gas Apparatus were received and read.

Account was presented from Ravisies and Malson amounting to Five Hundred Dollars for 48,000 Glass Drops, purchased of them, for which the Committee of Accounts were directed to draw an order.

On Motion Brothers Lewis and Harper were appointed a Committee to devise a plan, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, for raising a sum of Money for the purpose of constructing the Gas Apparatus and for completing the Masonic Hall.

Wednesday, April 12, 1820.—Committee met at half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Grand Officers attended the meeting of the Committee.

A letter from a number of citizens residing in the neighbourhood of the Hall was received and read, objecting to the erection of the Gas Apparatus chiefly on account of the danger to the neighbourhood in case of explosion; and of the offensive odour arising from the Gas.

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After having the Letter under consideration for sometime it was determined that the work should be proceeded with, and that letter should be referred to the Gas Committee to answer.[1]

The Grand Officers then withdrew.

On Motion Brothers Say and Lewis were appointed a Committee to reply to the above Letter.

Proposals were received and read.

Bro. Lewis stated that upon counting the Glass Drops the box was found to contain but 47,000 pieces and that a deduction of Ten Dollars & 41 cents, was made from the order of Messrs. Ravisies and Malsan for 1000 pieces which were wanting.

Wednesday, April 19, 1820.—On Motion, Resolved that Mr. Webb be requested to procure a permit for introducing the Water into the Cisterns from Lodge Alley and that the pipe be laid immediately.

The Committee appointed to procure pipes &c., Reported that they had accepted the proposals of Frederick W.. Walter to make the Gasometers and that he had executed a contract to make the same.

The Committee appointed to reply to the letter from the Neighbours objecting to the erection of the Gas Apparatus reported an answer which was read and approved of.

On Motion Resolved that the Committee to procure pipes &c., be directed to have pipes fixed in the bottom

[1] *Vide* Appendix "A."

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of the Cisterns to carry off the water into the well.

A Special Meeting of the Committee was held on Monday the 24th April, 1820.

It was stated from the chair that this meeting was called in consequence of the small building in the north-east corner of the lot having fell into the cellar dug for the tanks of the gasometers.

In consequence of this some alterations were made in the plan for the building of the gas apparatus and the superintendent directed to proceed accordingly.

Resolved that in order to prevent a recurrence of the accident which called the Committee together the building for the Gas house be under the direction of the Superintendent and that all persons employed about the same take their instructions accordingly.

Wednesday, May 3, 1820.—Mr. Webb reported that agreeably to the directions of the Committee he had procured a permit for introducing the Water from Lodge Alley but afterwards discovered that the public had no log laid in the alley. Whereupon he was directed to return the permit and receive the money he had paid for it.

Brothers Harper and Say were appointed a Committee to confer with Frederick Graff and Thomas Clark on the subject of the Cisterns.

Wednesday, May 10, 1820.—On Motion Resolved, that Brothers Harper and Say be appointed a Committee to go to Baltimore to procure information respecting the Gas.

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Wednesday, June 7, 1820.—A copy of a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge on the 5th instant, was received and read and is as follows, to wit:

Resolved that the Grand Master appoint a Committee of Five who together with the Committee on Gas Lights shall be a committee for the purpose of procuring appropriate furniture for the respective Rooms of the New Hall.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, viz.: James M'Alpin, Robert Toland, Anthony Faunen, Henry Y. Carter and Armon Davis.

On Motion Resolved that the said Committee be notified to meet the Gas Committee on Wednesday next at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Saturday, June 24, 1820.—The Sub-Committee submitted sundry plans for Chandeliers when they were requested to proceed in having them made according to said plans or such others as they may see proper to adopt.

Friday, October 6, 1820.—An Account was presented from William Young amounting to twelve Dollars for wiring glass drops which Mr. Webb was directed to pay.

Wednesday, October 18, 1820.—A Letter was received and read from Thomas Smith Simmons requesting that the Hall might be lit with the gas and thrown open one night previous to its application to masonic

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purposes for his benefit as a part of the compensation for his services.

Friday, October 20, 1820.—Resolved that the person to be appointed to manufacture the Gas shall receive as a compensation for his services, Six Dollars per week. Bro. William Adams was appointed.

November 18, 1820.—The object of this meeting being to consider of the most efficient means of stopping the leak in the Cistern, various plans were suggested and considered and after mature deliberation the Committee concluded to adjourn to meet at Thomas Morris's Brewery to view a cistern lately built there on Monday morning next at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, November 22, 1820.—An Account was presented from T. & Z. Borhurst amounting to One Thousand Six Hundred & Eighty-one dollars and 37 cts. for Chandeliers.

Tuesday, December 12, 1820.—Bro. Say stated that he had requested the superintendent to call a special meeting of the Committee in consequence of an application he had received from Mr. Guillou to have his apartments lit with Gas on the Evenings of the 16th 19th and 21st instant. The Committee after deliberation Resolved that the Grand Officers should be requested to attend the meeting of the Committee to-morrow afternoon for the purpose of taking into consideration the application of Mr. Guillou.

Wednesday, December 13, 1820.—The following Grand Officers attended the Meeting of the Committee,

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viz.: Bayse Newcomb, Thomas Elliott, William McCaskle and George A. Baker.

Brother Newcomb, Grand Master, took the Chair.

The application of Mr. Guillou was taken up for consideration and on motion made and seconded; it was resolved that the sub-committee appointed in march last to contract with M. Guillou for the use of the gas be directed to inform him that the Committee are now ready to furnish him with gas upon the terms agreed on last March.

Monday, December 18, 1820.—A Special Meeting of the Committee was held at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present Joseph S. Lewis, Chairman,
Joseph Burden,
James Harper, Jr.
Cornelius Stevenson.

The Committee were called together in consequence of the injury sustained by the Gas House and Machinery by fire on the morning of the 17th instant.

The Committee after ascertaining the extent of the damage and the best and speediest means of repairing the same agreed to present the following address to the Grand Lodge this evening.

The Building Committee and the Gas Committee appointed under the authority of the R. W. G. Lodge to reconstruct the Masonic Hall so unhappily destroyed by fire on the 9th March 1819 and to procure Gas Lights for the same have the honor to report that they

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proceeded with the best of their talents to execute the work entrusted to them and that after a diligent attention to their duties, had so far completed them on the 4th Inst. when the Grand Lodge took possession of the premises as to see a termination of their labours and that very little remained to be done except to adjust and settle the accounts for the work contracted for.

The Committee beg leave further to report that by the desire of the R. W. G. Master they had accepted the duties of the Hall Committee until St. John's Day next, all of which trusts aforementioned they had contemplated to surrender on St. John's Day to the authority which created them with a request only to have their powers continued so as to complete a final settlement of their accounts.

A. Circumstance however, has occurred most painful in its nature which has called anew for their attention from the destruction of the Gas House by fire on the morning of Sunday the 17th instant, arising from causes inexplicable, as from the best information the Committee can obtain the Fires in the furnaces were extinguished at 5 o'clock on Saturday and the Superintendent saw all was safe at about 9 o'clock of the same evening, after which the building was closed.

This circumstance has required some attention on the part of the Committee and they have accordingly thought it their duty to direct the removal of the remnants of the roof and the preparation of a temporary means of supplying the House with Gas which can be

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Gas Loan.

These are to Certify, That Lodge No. 2 is entitled to the Capital Sum of Twenty Dollars, in a Loan raised by authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum; for the payment of which the Gas Establishment, with the profits arising therefrom, are pledged by the Grand Lodge.

In testimony whereof, the subscribers, Trustees of the said Loan, have hereunto set their hands, this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two.

STOCK CERTIFICATE OF GAS LOAN ISSUED BY THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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done at a small expence and that a slight covering be erected over the Building which as soon as the season will permit, should be replaced by a permanent roof and the reconstruction of the masonry necessarily connected therewith accompanied with such alterations as experience may point out to be necessary for convenience and security.

The principal damage occasioned by the fire appears to be in the roof and the machinery connected with the Gasometers and also a small part of the upper portion of the walls injured by the falling in of the roof. The Gasometers, Pipes, Flues Cistern and main building are very little injured. The Committee believe they will be enabled by St. John's Day to make the necessary temporary arrangements before alluded to, after which there can be no doubt the Hall Committee to be appointed on that day will be fully able to make the permanent repairs, at the same time the Committee are not disposed to shrink from the completion of the work if the R. W. G. Lodge should require them to do so.

December 18, 1820.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS,
JOSEPH BURDEN,
JAMES HARPER,
CORNELIUS STEVENSON.

The Committee directed that the superintendent should cause the rubbish to be removed immediately from the Gas House and a girder to be put up near the South end thereof.

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Mr. Lewis reported that he had seen Mr. Guillou on the subject of lighting the rooms occupied by him with gas and after a full conversation respecting it, Mr. Guillou said he would give One cent and a quarter per cubic foot for the Gas. Whereupon, on motion made and Seconded Resolved, that this Committee do not conceive the offer of Mr. Guillou to be in conformity with the original Contract, made with him, but being unwilling to take upon themselves to decide on it, do agree to refer the decision of it to three disinterested persons well skilled in the nature of Gas, and to appointed by each party and they to appoint a third.

Little is known about the interior and furnishings of the first Chestnut Street Hall. Some extracts from the minutes of the committee on furniture for the rebuilt hall of 1820 have lately been found in the archives from which we glean that the chief room in the hall was the salon or ball room, connecting with which was a dining room.

The salon was probably the most gorgeous hall in the city at that time. The eight large windows were curtained with the best scarlet moreen at a cost of $56 each. The settees and chairs were upholstered with the same material. The room was illuminated with chandeliers from which were pending several thousands of crystal drops; upon the side walls were mirrors in gilt frames which reflected the scintillations of the crystal drops. The room in cold weather was heated by a large stove of special design.

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The Grand Lodge room was also lit up with chandeliers and crystal pendants with a special light over the Grand Master's Chair, the settees and chairs were upholstered with purple moreen, the six windows were also hung with the same material at a cost of $53.25 per window. These curtains were finished with fringe and ornaments. There were also several mirrors, and special carved mahogany chairs for the Past Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The room for Subordinate Lodges was known as the Gothic Room.

There was also a room for the Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges, but no details of their furnishings have come down to us.

There were also a large dining room connected with the ball room or grand salon.

The various rooms were heated by stoves of a special design, but whether for wood or anthracite coal does not appear.[2]

Wednesday, November 1, the day set for the rededication of the rebuilt Chestnut Street Hall, was a gala day for the Masonic Fraternity. The ceremonies began with a procession and religious service in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, southeast corner Fourth and Cherry Streets, the largest church edifice in the city; following is the account of the dedication and cere-

[1] Anthracite coal was not used for fuel in Philadelphia until a year or two later.

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monies as recorded upon the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.

DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION OF THE NEW HALL.

The Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, which was destroyed by fire on the 9th March, 1819, having been rebuilt in a superior style of elegance was dedicated on Wednesday, the First of November, 1820. This event was celebrated by the Craft, with great pomp and splendour, and with feelings of gratitude and joy. The brethren of the Lodges in the City, joined by Numbers from different parts of the State and from our Sister States, among whom were the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, assembled at the Washington Hall in Third Street, between the hours of Nine and Ten in the forenoon and were formed into procession in the following order, viz:

Three Trumpets.
Tyler with drawn sword.
Lodge La Reconnaisance, No. 160, in the following order, viz:
Masters of Ceremonies with drawn swords.
Entered Apprentices Two and Two.
Fellow Crafts, Two and Two.
Master Masons, Two and Two.
Past Masters, Two and Two.
Deacons with their wands, blue tipt with white.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Wardens of the Lodge, bearing their Columns.
Master of the Lodge, carrying his Mallet.
On the flank of the Lodge one of the Members of the Lodge acting as Marshal of his own Lodge in the Procession, and bearing a blue wand tipt with Silver.

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Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, in the same order.
Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, in the same order.
Rising Sun Lodge, No. 139, in the same order.
A Military Band of Music.
Phœnix Lodge, No. 130, in the same order.
Temple Lodge, No. 128, in the same order.
Philanthropy Lodge, No. 127, in the same order.
Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, in the same order.
Herman's Lodge, No. 125, in the same order.
Union Lodge, No. 121, in the same order.
St. Johns Lodge, No. 115, in the same order.
Solomons Lodge, No. 114, in the same order.
Columbia Lodge, No. 91, in the same order.
Hiram Lodge, No. 81, in the same order.
A Military Band of Music.
Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, in the same order.
Orange Lodge, No. 71, in the same order.
Concordia Lodge, No. 67, in the same order.
Washington Lodge, No. 59, in the same order.
Harmony Lodge, No. 52, in the same order.
Lodge No. 51, in the same order.
Lodge No. 19, in the same order.
Lodge No. 9, in the same order.
Lodge No. 3, in the same order.
Lodge No. 2, in the same order.
A Band of Military Music.
Grand Lodge in the following order, viz:
Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.
Banner of Free Masons Arms, carried by a Past Master.
Members of the Building Committee, carrying the Key of the Hall.
Architect, carrying the square, level and plumb rule, with the Book of Architecture.

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Twelve Past Masters, Two and Two, bearing white wands.

Trustees of the Masonic Loans, Two and Two.

Four Past Masters, carrying the Lodge, covered with white satin.

Standards of Faith and Hope, carried by Two Past Masters.

Two Past Masters, carrying golden Pitchers, containing Oil and Wine.

A Past Master, carrying a golden Cornu-Copia, containing Corn.

The Third Light, borne by a Past Master.

Past Grand Wardens.

The Second Light, borne by a Past Master.

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

The First Light, borne by a Past Master.

Past Grand Masters.

Standard of Charity, carried by a Past Master.

A Past Master, carrying the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, on a Crimson Velvet Cushion, supported by Two Past Masters.

Grand Chaplains.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Deputy Grand Secretary, carrying the Book of Constitutions.

Grand Secretary with his Bag and Grand Treasurer with his Staff.

Banners of Strength and Beauty, carried by Two Past Masters.

Grand Wardens, bearing their columns.

Deputy Grand Master.

Banner of Wisdom, carried by a Past Master.

Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the sword of State and a Past Master carrying the golden Mallet.

Grand Master.

Two Grand Deacons with wands silvered and tipt with gold.

Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword.

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A Marshal on the flank of the Grand Lodge with wand silvered and tipt with gold.

Three Grand Marshals on Horseback, on the flank of the Procession, carrying purple Truncheons tipt with Gold, superintending the other Marshals and regulating the whole line of the Procession.

The distance between the Files was 6 Feet.

In the above order the Procession moved from the Washington Hall, South Third Street, and proceeded thence along the West side of Third Street to Spruce Street; along the North side of Spruce Street to Second Street; along the West side of Spruce Street to Arch Street; along the North side of Arch Street to Fourth Street; along the East side of Fourth Street to Zion Church and entered at the North door. When the front of the Procession reached the Church, the Brethren halted, opened their ranks and faced inwards. The Grand Master preceeded by a Band of Music, the Grand Marshals, Grand Pursuivant and Two Grand Deacons, moved forward through the ranks into the Church, the Brethren uncovered as the Grand Master passed them, and closing from the rear, followed in reverse order into the Church, where an Appropriate address was delivered by the R. W. Grand Master, accompanied with Thanksgiving, Prayers and Solemn Music in the following order, to wit:

On the entrance of the Procession, Voluntary on the Organ by Brother R. Taylor.

Sympathy—By Milgrove.

Air.

O Zion, Afflicted with wave upon wave,
Whom no man can comfort, whom no man can save;
With darkness surrounded, by terrors dismay'd;
In toiling and rowing thy strength is decay'd.

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Chorus.

Forget thee, I will not, I cannot; thy name,
Engraved on my heart, doth forever remain.
The palms of my hands, whilst I look on, I see
The wounds I received when suff'ring for thee;
I feel at my heart all thy sighs and thy groans,
For thou art most near me, my flesh and my bones.
In all thy distresses thy head feels the pain;
Yet all are most needful; not one is in vain.

PRAYER.

By the Reverend Brother George C. Potts, Grand Chaplain.

Anthem—By C. Meinecke.

Air.

O praise the Lord, in that blest place,
From whence his goodness largely flows,
Praise him in Heav'n, where he his face,
Unveil'd in perfect glory shows.

Chorus.

Praise him for all the mighty Acts,
Which he in our behalf has done:
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.
Let the shrill trumpet's warlike voice,
Make rocks and hills his praise rebound;
Praise him with harp's melodious voice,
And gentle psaltry's silver sound.
Let Virgin troops soft timbrels bring,
And some with graceful motion dance;
Let instruments of various strings,

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With organs join'd, his praise advance.
Let those who joyful hymns compose,
To Cymbals set their songs of praise;
Cymbals of common use, and those
That loudly sound on solemn days.

Full Chorus.

Let all who vital breath enjoy,
The breath he doth to them afford,
In just returns of praise employ;
Let ev'ry creature praise the Lord.
Amen, Amen.

ORATION.

By Brother Bayse Newcomb, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master.

HYMN.

Air.

Why make the soft harmonious lays?
Why do our songs united raise?
'Tis heav'n born Charity we praise,
The source of all our earthly joys.

Coda.

Hail, Charity! what heart but glows with thee,
Bright emanation of the deity.

PRAYER.

By the Reverend Brother Doc. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

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Masonic Ode.

Composed by Mr. W. B. Tappan—Music by Pucitta. Arranged by Brother B. Carr.

"Strike the Cymbal,
Roll the tymbal!"
Swell the note of grateful love;
Heav'n rejoices!
Lend your Voices!
Praise the Architect above.

God of glory!
The song of Vict'ry,
Peans loud are ever thine
Cherubs singing,
Glad are bringing
Offerings to Jehovah's shrine!

Lo! in grandeur,
Bedeck'd in splendour,
See the Temple proudly rises!
Masonry triumphant gazes!
Where, red gleaming,
Ruin beaming,
Spread the midnight terror round.

Art combining,
Grace entwining,
Charity the Corner stone:
Discord never
Can dissever
Fabrics rear'd on God alone!

Faith and Hope our chosen stay,
Love illumes with mystic ray,

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Truth and Reason still combine,
Still adorn the hallow'd shrine.
Praise, praise the Architect! O praise!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

BENEDICTION.

The fraternity in the Church were honored with the presence of the Reverend Clergy of the various denominations, the Honourable Judges of the several Courts, the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, the Select and Common Councils, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and the Directors of the Academy of Fine Arts, together with a brilliant assemblage of Ladies.

After the ceremonies were concluded in the Church, the Procession was resumed in the same order, and proceeded along the East side of Fourth Street to Race Street; along the North side of Race Street to Sixth Street; along the East side of Sixth Street to Arch Street; along the North side of Arch Street to Ninth Street: along the East side of Ninth Street to Chestnut Street, and along the North side of Chestnut to the New Hall. When the Procession arrived at the Hall, the same reversed order of entering was observed, with the exception of the Building Committee preceeding the Grand Master with the Key, and unlocking the door.

The Grand Master having reached Solomon's Chair the Officers and Members took their seats. The Lodge was then placed in the Center of the Hall, and the Three Lights, with the Golden Pitchers and Cornu-Copia, containing Oil, Wine and Corn, were placed thereon. The Bible, Square and Compasses, on a Crimson Velvet Cushion, were placed on the Grand Master's Pedestal and the Grand Lodge was Tyled.

Grand General Communication.

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Present:

Bro. Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Grand Master.
" Thomas Elliott, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Josiah Randall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" William McCorkle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Benjamin Say, Grand Marshal.
" Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Pearson, Grand Pursuivant.

Revd. Bro. Doc. William Rogers,
" " " George C. Potts, } Grand Chaplains.
" " " James Milnor,

Bro. Richard Tybout,
" Samuel F. Bradford, } R. W. Past Grand Masters.
" Walter Kerr,

The R. W. Grand Master and other Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Viz:

Bro. James Giles, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel J. Read, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" Richard L. Beatty, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas S. Woodruff, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Joseph I. Thompson, Senior Grand Deacon.
" William McKnight, Grand Marshal.
" N. Shuff, Grand Tyler.
" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Representatives of Lodges, Viz:

No. 2. George A. Baker, Mr., Emmor T. Weaver, J. W.

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3. Ja^s. McCormach, M^r., G. P. Bonnin, S. W., A. Hatfield, J. W.
9. Wil^m. Creth, M^r., John Wilson, S. W., John M^c-Cartney, J. W.
19. James Latimer, S. W., Thos. Jones, J. W.
21. Josiah Randall, Proxy.
45. George A. Baker, Proxy.
43. George B. Porter, M^r., Henry Keffer, S. W., Jos. Ogilby, J. W.
51. T. B. Freeman, M^r., W^m. Boyd, S. W., John Breban, J. W.
52. John W. Harris, M^r., Jacob Durff, J. W.
59. John Curry, M^r., George Curry, S. W., George Beatty, J. W.
62. Joseph Burden, Proxy.
67. Saml. Webb, M^r., Theodore Deklyne, S. W., Ch^s. Stout, J. W.
71. David Nathans, M^r., Jacob Bockius, J. W.
72. Geo. H. Burgin, M^r., Saml. Bispham, S. W., Ch^s. Egner, J. W.
73. Robert P. Branu, M^r.
81. Edward Thompson, M^r., John Hocker, S. W.
84. Randall Hutchinson, Proxy.
91. John Thompson, M^r., George Russel, S. W., John Ducker, J. W.
113. Walter Kerr, Proxy.
114. John Ritter, M^r., Simeon Gleason, S. W., David Boyd, J. W.
115. Calvin Mason, M^r., F. E. Brewster, S. W., P. Winnemore, J. W.
N°. 121. Robert Toland, M^r., Rich. Povall, S. W., Hon. Harrison, J. W.
125. Joseph Ripkay, J. W.

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126. John Banks, Mr.
127. Thompson Wilson, Mr., Geo. Dannaker, S. W., Ed. King, J. W.
124. Walter Kerr, Proxy.
75. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
103. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
100. William Alexander, Proxy.
128. Robert Patton, S. W., John W. Allen, J. W.
130. George Gloninger, Mr., Saml. Wonderly, J. W.
131. Edward Haydock, S. W.
133. Richard Tybout, Proxy.
134. Thomas Roney, J. W.
139. James Dixey, Mr., D. H. Mason, S. W.
141. George A. Baker, Proxy.
147. Lambert Keatting, Proxy.
152. James McAlpin, Proxy.
154. Isaiah Beck, S. W.
155. Wm. Mandry, Mr., Isaac Avery, S. W., Josiah Evans, J. W.
157. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
158. John D. Ferguson, Mr., Alvah Mason, S. W., John W. Kelly, J. W.
160. Basil Perroteau, Mr., C. A. Droz, S. W., Peter Pelouze, J. W.
161. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
165. James Harper, jun., Proxy.
166. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.
167. Joseph S. Lewis, Proxy.

Forty Seven Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was uncovered and Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Secretary stated that the Architect having completed the rebuilding of the Hall, was desirous of surrendering up the implements of Architecture which had been committed

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to his care, when he commenced the undertaking. Brother Samuel Webb, the Architect then arose, addressed the Grand Master in an elegant speech, returned thanks for honor conferred on him by appointing him to superintend the reconstruction of the Hall, and expressed a hope that the manner in which he had executed the work would meet the approbation of the Grand Master and of the fraternity and requested permission to deliver up the implements of Architecture. The Grand Master then expressed his high approbation of the Architect's conduct, directed the Grand Wardens to receive the implements, which was done, and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Master that it was the wish of the Fraternity to have the Hall dedicated to The Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry. The Grand Master thereupon commanded his Grand Officers and requested the favour of the R. W. Grand Officers, of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and of the R. W. Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to assist in that solemn duty.

A Dedication prayer was then offered up by one of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Officers then made a procession round the Lodge three different times, at the end of which the Grand Master strewing Corn over the Lodge, declared in solemn form, the Hall dedicated To the Grand Architect of the Universe, and to Masonry, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given. The Grand Officers again made a procession round the Lodge three different times, at the end of which the Grand Master pouring Wine over the Lodge, declared in solemn form, the Hall dedicated To Virtue and Science, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given as before. The Grand Officers

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again made a procession round the Lodge three different times, at the end of which the Grand Master pouring Oil on the Lodge in solemn form, declared the Hall dedicated To Universal Charity and Benevolence, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Honours were given as before.

A Consecration prayer was then offered up by One of the Grand Chaplains and the Grand Master returned to Solomon's Chair.

During the ceremony of Dedication the following odes were sung accompanied with the Organ, viz:

FIRST ODE.

Hail! Masonry divine!
Glory of ages shine!
  Long may'st thou reign;
Where'er thy Lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land;
  Thou art divine!

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the azure skies,
  Great are thy schemes:
Thy noble orders are
Matchless beyond compare,
No art with thee can share;
  Thou art divine!

Hiram, the Architect,
Did all the Craft direct
  How they should build;

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Sol'mon, great Is'rel's King,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us room to sing,
Hail! royal Art! } Chorus three times.

SECOND ODE.

Hail! mysterious, glorious science,
Which to discord bids defiance;
Harmony alone reigns here.
Come, let's sing to him that rais'd us
From the rugged path that maz'd us,
To the light that we revere.

THIRD ODE.

Air.

When earth's foundation first was laid,
By the Almighty Artist's hand,
'Twas then our perfect laws were made,
Establish'd by his strict command.

Chorus.

Hail! mysterious, hail! glorious Masonry!
That makes us ever great and free.

Praise the Grand Master.
A Masonic Canon for four Voices.
Composed by Dr. J. K. Jackson.
"Praise the Grand Master of the Universal Lodge."

On Motion made and Seconded,
Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand

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Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the Oration delivered by him this day before the Grand Lodge in Zion's Church, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a Copy thereof for publication.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Officers of the Washington Benevolent Society for their politeness in granting the use of the Grand Saloon in their Hall for the purpose of forming the Masonic Procession in this day.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Corporation of Zion's Church for their kindness in granting the use of the said Church for the purpose of delivering in it the Masonic Oration before the Grand Lodge this day.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, for their Assistance in the solemn ceremonies of this day.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Building Committee for their care and attention in superintending the reconstruction of the Hall.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the furnishing Committee for the taste displayed by them in furnishing the various apartments in the Hall.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Committee of Arrangement, and to

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the Committee who attended in the Church for the services rendered by them.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Committee who procured and arranged the Music in the Church and in the Hall.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Ladies and Gentlemen composing the Choir, and to all who assisted in the vocal and instrumental performance this day in the Church and in the Grand Lodge room.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 4 o'clock, P. M., and the Brethren repaired to various places previously fixed on to dine.

Masonic Banquet.

The Grand Lodge, with the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, with a Number of respectable Visitors and Brethren, about Two Hundred in Number, sat down about 5 o'clock in the afternoon to an elegant Banquet, prepared in the Grand Saloon of the Hall, and at an early hour in the Evening they separated in the utmost harmony and good order.

The display of the Craft, about 1000 in Number, exceeded in splendor and order any former exhibition of the kind; and notwithstanding the concourse of spectators surpassed any ever assembled on a public occasion in this City, yet no unpleasant occurrence interrupted the solemnities of the day.

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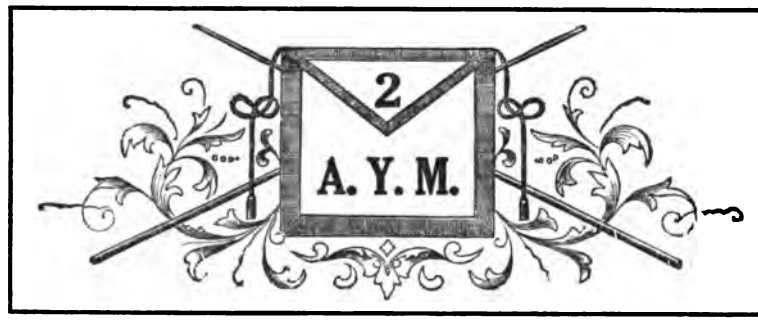

CHAPTER XXV.

Minutes of Lodge No. 2—1820–1827.

THE first Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons, to be held in the Rebuilt Hall, was on Monday, November 13, 1820.

Members Present.		*Vis.trs*		
Br. Geo. A. Baker,	W. M.	Br. Morris B. Cohen		No. 3
" E. T. Weaver,	S. W.	" Frankland,		67
" G Fisher	J. W.	" Meleich late		2
" " Lafitte	Secry.	" Brocklehurst		71
" J. R. Burden		" B. Cohen,	S. C.	9
Br. J. Purker,		" J. Gullen		67
" M. Pryor		" Jacob Durff		52
" Mensing		" Saml. Black,		113
" Drum		Br. Rice		
" Lowry		" Ruff		
" Hailer		" Keatting		
" Lieb		" Primrose		
" Wood		" Hamilton		
" Shuster		" Hymas		
		" Davis		
		" Weikham		
		" Caldwell		
		Pd Treasr.		

An E. A. L. was opened in anct form at 7 O'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

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Mr. Geo. Parkinson (Inn-Keeper) applied for membership. Messrs. Daniel Newman & Peter Shuster also applied for membership.

Br. Pollock's petition for membership, at his request was withdrawn.

An application for charity was received from Mrs. E. Hartman, widow of Br. R. Hartman, upon which five dollars were granted & Brs Weaver, Ruff and J. R. Burden, appointed a Committee.

The dues were collected, Tyler's Bill was ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in harmony at 9 O'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting.—Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons, Monday Evening, Decr. 11, 1820.

Members Present.		*Visitors.*	
Br. Geo. A. Baker,	W. M.	Joseph H. Means	52
E. T. Weaver,	S. W.	Wm. Eider,	121
L. Keatting	J. W.	Wm. Wilson	132
A Lafitte,	Secry.	Thos. Vansant	72
J. Burden	Tr.	Isaac Plede,	91
G. F. Hailer,		Isaac Myer	131
G. Hamilton,		Joseph Johns	do
B. A. Meredith,		F. Wolbert	127
Carried over		Br. Thos. M. Rush,	130
Br. A. Wood		Levy Aniker,	155
Wm. Drum		Thos. Nekervis late of	52
L. Lowry		H. Witmer,	128
R. Allen		C. McKaraher	3
J. Strieby		Saml. Fox.	127
T. Stone		John Wilbank, late of	2
V. Primrose,		Hugh Early	59
J. R. Burden		Letis	"

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Br. F. Nice.
L. Keatting
L Parker
H. Lieb
" Toole.
M. T. Wickham
R. Fetters,
J. F. Davis,
F. Mensing,
Jno. Culin
M. Pryor
L. Shuster
D. Weyman
Jno. O'brien,
J. Sommer,
R. Welford,
Alexr. Caldwell,
Wm. Bradley,
G. Parkinson,
Danl. Newman
Peter Shuster,
G. Fisher,

Visitors,

Br.	Geo. P. Bonin,	No. 3
	J. E. Tomkins	67
	Wm. Barger	9
	David Woepller	131
	Jackson Oliver	131
	Saml. Bispham	72
	B. Perroteau	160
	David Boyd	114
	F. Cole	59
	Tracy Taylor	71
	Charles Wilson	132
	Saml. Thompson	9
Br.	Wales,	"
	Jas. Morris	126
	Jas. Baker,	91
	Taylor	
	Arthur A. Wills, Wilm. Del.	11
	L. Taylor	67
	Jno. Wilson,	50
	Thos. C. Luders,	125
	David Snyder,	71
	Caleb. Weeks	
	Lewis Allen	126
	A. H Hunkel,	67
	G. Gloninger	130
	B. Cole.	19
	Charles Stout,	67
	Hugh McKenzie	do
	B. Molyneaux,	52
	J. Thomas,	do
	T. B. Freeman	51
	B. Say,	134
	Jas. Harper, Jr.	114
	Saml. Webb.	67
	W. D. Kennedy,	67
	E. W. Buckman, Wilm. Del.	36
	J. Avery,	150
	Clayton Hollinghead	121
	J. E. James	67
	Wm. C. Cuthbert	127
	Jas. West.	71
	Jno. Gullin	67
	Jas. McCormack,	3
	D. Nathans	71
	Jno. Uhle,	52
	J. Dwiff	do
	Williamson,	

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 6 O'clock,

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and the ms. of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Geo. Parkinson was ballotted for and approved.

He received the First Degree in Freemasonry, and returned thanks. and pd. ten dollars on acct.

Messrs. Daniel Newman, and Peter Shuster were ballotted for and approved, and were initiated into the first degree of Masonry, they then returned thanks & paid their initiation fee.

A Petition was read for initiation, from Mr. Richard Alexander,[1] whereupon Brs. Lafitte, J. R. Burden and A. Wood were appointed a Committee to enquire into his character.

A Petition duly recommended was read from Brother John Wilbank late of this Lodge, praying to be again admitted to membership, whereupon Brs. Keatting, Allen, & Primrose were appointed a Committee.

A application for charity was made in behalf of the widow, Goraff whereupon $5. were granted & Brs. J. Burden, Keatting & Lafittee appointed a Committee.

Petitions for Charity were read in behalf of the widows Winemore & Chambers, whereupon five dollars

[1] Richard Alexander, son of James Alexander, a member of Lodge No. 2 (Vol 1, Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, p. 47) was born in the city of Philadelphia on March 31, 1780. He was a cabinet-maker at No. 92 South Third Street, opposite St. Paul's Church. He was secretary of the Provident Society. He became a member of Lodge No. 2, and was Junior Warden at the time of his death in April, 1823.

See "History of Old St. Paul's Church," pp. 3–4, 162–163, 220, 231, 254–255.

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were granted to each & Brs. Keatting Ruff, and Allen appointed a Committee.

This being night of election the brethren were called off from labour to refreshments for ten minutes, in order to prepare their tickets. At the expiration of that time, they were called on to Labour and Brs. Burden and Sommer were appointed Tellers.

The Lodge then went into the election, upon counting the votes it appeared that the following brethren were severally elected to the respective officers annexed to their names, for the ensuing twelve months commencing on St. John's day next. Viz.:

Vis.	
Br. Emmor T. Weaver,	Worshipful Master,
Benj^m A. Meredith	Senior Warden.
V. Primrose,	Junior Warden,
A. Lafitte,	Secretary,
Joseph Burden,	Treasurer.

Br. Frederick Mensing tendered his resignation, laid over till next meeting.

The Committee on Mrs. Hartman reported that they had relieved her with the sum of Five Dollars.

A Communication was received from the R. W. G. Treasurer, containing the amount of arrears from this Lodge to the R. W. G. Lodge, which were ordered to be paid. The Dues were collected & the Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 O'clock to Saturday the 23rd instant, at 6½ o'clock in the evening. A. Lafitte,

Secry.

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ADJOURNED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, Anc. Y. Masons.

Saturday evening, December 23, 1820.

Members Present.

Br. G. A. Baker, W. M. Emmor T. Weaver, S. W.
B. A. Meredith J. W. A. Lafitte, Secretary,
V. Primrose, J. B. Burden, John Parker,
L. Lowry,

Visitors.

Br. Horton, No. 67, Br. Benner, 114..

A M. M. Lodge was then opened and the following officers were elected to serve for the next twelve months.

Br. Emmor T. Weaver,	W. M.	Bro. A. Meredith	S. W.
Violet Primrose,	J. W.	A. Lafitte,	Secr'y.

Br. Chas. Schneider, was appointed tyler. and the Lodge closed in harmony, at 7½ o'clock.

A. LAFITTE,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, ANCIENT YORK MASONS.

Monday Evening, January 8, 1821.

Members Present.

Bro. Emmor T. Weaver,	W. M.,	Br. L. Shuster,
B. A. Meredith,	S. W.	Wm. Drum
V. Primrose,	J. W.	P. Shuster
Lafitte,	Sec.	D. Newman
J. Burden,	Tr.	G. A. Baker,
J. R. Burden,	S. D.	L. Keatting
Adna Wood,	J. D.	F. Nice,
G. F. Hailer,		Lewis Lowry
John Parker,		Robt Welford,
G. Fisher,		G. Parkinson
Henry Lieb		

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An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 6½ o'clock and the Minutes of the last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The W. Master made the following appointments, viz: Br. Jesse R. Burden, Senior Deacon, Br. Adna Wood, Junior Deacon, Br. Geo Fisher S. M.C., Br. Lewis Lowry, J. M. C., Brs. John Culin & Lambert Keatting Stewards.

The E. A. L. closed and the F. C. L. was opened, when Brs. Peter Shuster and Daniel Newman were passed to the Degree of F. C. M's. The F. C. L. closed and the E. A. L. was opened, when Mr. Alexander was ballotted for and approved, and received the E. A. D.

The E. A. L. was closed and the F. C. L. was opened, when Br. Geo. Parkinson, was passed to the F. C. D.

The F. C. L. was closed and the E. A. L. opened, when Br. Wilbank was ballotted for and unanimously approved.

A petition for charity from Mrs. Andrews, widow of Leonard formerly a member was received, upon which $5 were granted, and Brs. L. Shuster, J. R. Burden & A. Lafitte were appointed a committee.

Similar petitions were received from Brs. Thos. Stone, a member & Saml. Basset, upon which five dollars were granted to each & Brs. Meredith, Primrose and Keatting were appointed a committee.

Brs. Justinian F. Davis & Alexander Caldwell tendered their resignations, which were ordered to lie

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over till next stated night. On motion it was resolved that Br. Stone's dues up to this night be remitted.

On motion, it was resolved that Br. Joseph Dudley be expelled for non-payment of dues: and that Edward Warner, Benjamin Harris and John Able be suspended for the same reason.

On Motion it was resolved that the Secr'y inform Br. James Webster that unless he pay the initiation fee of Br. G. L. Corbin by the next stated meeting, they shall both be expelled.

The E. A. L. was closed and a M. M. L. was opened, when Br. J. Burden Tr. elect was installed., into office. The M. M. L. closed and the E. A. L. opened. The dues were collected, Tyler's bill was ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secr'y.

Extra Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Members Present.

Br. Lambert Keatting,	W. M,	p. t.
Weaver	S. W.	p. t.

Visitors.

Br. Kneass No. 130, Riley 130, Schneider, 71, Fannen, 131, Weeks 67, Pascal 130, Deviling 59.

A M. M. L. was opened in ancient and solemn form at 6¼ o'clock A. Dispensation was received & read from the R. W. G. M. of the Gr. Lodge of Penna. authorizing the W. M. of the Lodge to pass Br. Justinian F.

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Davis to the chair. Br. Davis being in waiting was introduced & passed to the chair. in the presence of Past Masters only.

Lodge closed in harmony at 6½ o'clock.

(Signed) CHAS. SCHNEIDER,
Secr'y pro Tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, ANCIENT YORK MASONS.

Monday Evening, February 12, 1821.

Members.		*Members.*
Br. E. T. Weaver,	W. M.	Br. A. Wood,
B. A. Meredith	S. W.	Fk Wilhelm
V. Primrose,	J. W.	R. Fetters
A. Lafitte,	Secr'y.	L. Keatting
Jos. Burden,	Treasr.	B. Harris
Geo. Fisher,		F. Nice,
J. R. Burden		John Parker,
G. A. Baker,		R. Welford,
Wm. Drum,		G. Parkinson,
John Culin,		J. Wilbank,
P. Shuster,		Thos. Stone,
Danl. Newman,		Matthew Pryor
George Hamilton		L. Shuster
Richd Alexander,		R. W. Jones
Br. Lewis Lowry,		John Able
H. Lieb.		

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 6¼ o'clock and the minutes of the last stated & extra meetings were read & adopted.

The E. A. L. was closed and a F. C. L. was opened when Br. Alexander, and Br. R. W. Jones were passed to the Degree of F. C. M's.

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The F. C. L. closed and the M. M. L. opened when Br. Parkinson was raised to the Degree of M. M.

Br. J. F. Davis requested this Lodge would be pleased to give him a recommendation to Chapter No. 52, which was granted. The M. Masons L. closed and an E. A. L. was opened.

The Com. on Mrs. Andrews reported that they had given her the sum allowed by the Lodge.

The Com. on Brs. Stone and Bassett reported, that they had relieved her with the money directed.

Br. Able after being suspended at the last meeting, was again reinstated.

An application for charity having been made on behalf of Mrs. McKeage, the widow of our late Br. James McKeage a committee consisting of Brs. Keatting, Ruff & Burden was appointed and ten dollars were granted for her relief.

The dues were collected, and the Lodge was closed in harmony at 10 O'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons.

Monday Evening, March 12, 1821.

Members Present.		
Br. Emmor T. Weaver,	W. M.	Br. R. W. Jones,
Benj. A/ Meredith	S. W.	Danl. Newman,
V. Primrose,	J. W.	R. Alexander,
A. Lafitte,	Secr'y,	Geo. A. Baker,
J. R. Burden,		Thos. Stone,
		Benj. Harris

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Br. Geo. Fisher,
A. Wood,
Benj. Toole,
Richd Fetters,
M. T. Wickham,
John Parker,
Lewis Lowry,

Br. F. Nice,
Henry Lieb
Geo. F. Hailer,
John Culin,
Wm. Bradley,
G. Hamilton,

A. F. C. L. was opened at 6¾ o'clock and the minutes of the last Stated Meeting were read and adopted.

A. F. C. L. was closed and a M. M's L. was opened and Brs. Newman, Alexander & Jones was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

A Bill for Grand Lodge Dues was received amounting to $138-25. On Motion it was resolved that the Treasurer pay over on acct. the money he may have in his hands.

On motion it was resolved that Br. Harris who was suspended at the last stated meeting for non-payment of dues be reinstated in his former standing in this Lodge.

The dues were collected, the Tyler's bills ordered to be paid and the Lodge was closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons.

Monday Evening, April 9, 1821.

Members Present.

Br. Emmor T. Weaver, W.M.
Benjn. A. Meredith, S.W.
Br. G. Hamilton,
W. W. Sheed,
B. Harris,

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Br. V. Primrose,
A. Lafitte,
J. Burden,
F. Nice,
A. Wood,
H. Lieb,
R. Alexander,
J. R. Burden,
P. Shuster,
D. Newman,

J. W.
Secry.
Trear.

Br. Weyman,
J. Culin,
G. Fisher,
R. W. Jones,

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Annual Communication of the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The By-Laws having gone through a second reading were adopted excepting the 12th article which was ordered to lie over till the next meeting.

Mr. Joseph Esherick and Mr. F. D. Sanno applied for membership.

Br. W. W. Sheed tendered his resignation which laid over.

The following was offered as an additional article to the By-Laws, viz:—

"That all disputes or differences between members of this Lodge be discussed only in the presence of members and those who may be wanted as witnesses in the case and that it be strongly enjoined on members the impropriety of speaking out of the Lodge of the differences between members.

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Which article was, agreeably to the By-Laws ordered to lie over two stated meetings.

Br. Edward Warner who was suspended in January for non-payment of dues be reinstated.

A letter from this brother was then read, praying the Lodge to forgive him his dues and allow him to withdraw, both which were granted.

Br. Justinian F. Davis, withdraw his application.

The dues were collected, the Tyler's Bill ordered to be paid and the Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Ancient Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, May 14, A. D. 1821.

Members Present.

Br. Emmor T. Weaver, W. M.
Benj. A. Meredith, S. W.
V. Primrose,
A. Lafitte,
Newman,
L. Lowry,
F. Nice,
J. R. Burden.
R. Welford,
J. Burden
Br. A. Wood
R. Alexander,
P. Shuster
G. A. Baker,
G. Fisher,
H. Lieb,
John Parker,
J. F. Davis,
F. D. Sanno.

An E A. L. was opened at 7½ o'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

F. D. Sanno was ballotted for and unanimously elected, and received the first Degree in Masonry.

The 12th Article of the By-Laws which was ordered to lie over till this evening was called up and after some

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debate negatived. A resolution was then offered limiting the expense for refreshments to fifty dollars pr. annum. ordered to lie over.

The additional article to the By-Laws offered at the last meeting was unanimously adopted.

Br. Sheed's resignation was accepted.

A petition for charity was received from Mrs. Anderson, widow of John Anderson, late a member of this Lodge praying relief upon which ten dollars were granted, and Brs. Fisher, Primrose and Lafitte appointed a committee.

The Committee appointed in February last to relieve Mrs. McKeage reported they had given her the money granted by this Lodge.

Dues collected Tyler's bill ordered to be paid & Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A.Y. Ms.

Monday Evening, June 11, 1821.

An. E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The E. A. L. closed and the F. C. L. was opened, when Br. Sanno, was passed to the degree of F. C. M.

The Committee on Mrs. Anderson reported that they had relieved her with the sum granted by the Lodge

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which report being adopted the Committee was discharged.

A communication from the R. W. G. Treasurer was read, requesting payment of the dues owing by the Lodge amounting to $138.25, and on motion Resolved that the Treasr pay over the money in our funds.

The resolution to limit the expenses for refreshments was ordered to lie over.

Br. J. F. Davis presented his resignation which was ordered to be laid over until next meeting.

Br. Welford stated that Br. Jones, being about to travel, was desirous that the Lodge would grant him a recommendation for obtaining a certificate having previous paid up his dues, which was agreed to.

The question on the By-Laws was postponed until next meeting.

A committee was appointed to dispose of some effects which belonged to this Lodge.

The dues were collected the Tyler's bill was ordered to be paid, and the Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M.

Monday Evening, July 9, 1821.

A. F. C. L. was opened at 7½ o'clock, The Minutes of last stated meeting were read and approved. Br. Sanno, was raised to the sublime degree of M. Master

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after the F. C. L. was closed and the M. M's Lodge opened.

The resolution to limit the expenses for refreshments was indefinitely postponed.

Br. Davis' resignation was accepted.

The following was offered as an additional article to the Bye-Laws, and ordered to lie over two stated meetings.

There shall be a comittee of three appointed by the W. M. whose duty it shall be to instruct candidates in the degree they have taken previous to another degree being conferred.

The Committee appointed last stated meeting to dispose of some articles belonging to this Lodge reported that they had sold a chest for three dollars and twenty-five cents & one print of Solomon's Temple for three dollars, seventy cents, which report was accepted. Tyler's bill ordered to be paid. The dues were collected and Lodge closed in harmony at 9½.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Free & Accepted Masons.

Monday Evening, August 13, 1821.

Members Present.		Br. Jesse Burden,
Br. Benj. A. Meredith,	W. M.	F. D. Sanno,
V. Primrose,	S. W.	G. F. Hailer,
G. Fisher,	J. W.	R. Alexander,
A. Lafitte,	Secr'y.,	John Parker,
Jos. Burden	Treasr.	Lewis Lowry,
F. Nice,		

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An E. A. L. was opened at 7½ o'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

The article to the By-Laws offered at the last stated meeting was adopted. The question was then taken on the adoption of the By-Laws and carried unanimously.

A Petition for charity from the widow of Br. Rudeman Robinson, was presented and ordered to lie over. Dues collected Tyler's bill ordered to be paid and Lodge closed in harmony at 9 O'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, Free & Accepted Masons.

Monday Evening, September 10, 1821.

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 7 o'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and adopted.

Br. John Cluley, late a member of this Lodge, again applies for membership in this Lodge.

Mrs. Robinson's petition, which was ordered to lie over at the last meeting being again read, it was resolved that five dollars be granted to the petitioner.

The E. A. L. was closed and the F. C. L. was opened when Br. Shinn was passed to the degree of F. C. M.

The Tyler's bill was ordered paid and the Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

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Members Present.

Br. E. T. Weaver, W. M.
B. A. Meredith, S. W,
V. Primrose, J. W.
Lafitte, Secry.
F. Nice & Weyman
J. R. Burden,
J. Parker,
F. D. Sanno.
A. Wood
Geo. Hamilton
Rd. Alexander,
W. Bradley,
L. Lowry
Br. Geo. Fisher,
P. Shuster
B. Harris
Wm. Ruff
Henry Lieb
Thos. Stone
E. Toole
M. Pryor
Jos. Shinn
Br. L. Keatting
M. T. Wickham.
Geo. A. Baker,

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS.

Monday Evening, October 8, 1821.

Members Present.

Br. E. T. Weaver, W. M.
B. A. Meredith, S. W.
Geo Fisher, J. W.
Lafitte, Secry.
Jos Burden, Treasr.
F. Nice
Rich. Alexander,
A. Wood
G. F. Hailer,
Br. Geo. A. Baker,
F. D. Sanno.
P. Shuster,
D, Newman
Wm. Ruff
L. Lowry
Geo. Hamilton
M. T. Wickham
Benj. Holbrook,

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 7 O'clock and the Minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

The committee on Br. Cluley reported favourably.

Br. J. Jansson, a member tenders his resignation.

The Committee on Mrs. Robinson reported that they had relieved her with the money placed in their hands for that purpose.

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Br. Holbrook applied to be recommended to Royal Arch Chapter No. 53, which was granted.

The dues collected, the Tyler's bill ordered paid and the Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Special Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Wednesday Evening, October 10, 1821.

Members Present.

Br. E. T. Weaver, W. M.,
Jos. Johns, S. W. p. t.,
F. Nice,
G. A. Baker,
Benj. Holbrook.
Br. Jacob Jefferson
Wm. Smith.
Wm. Wray
Edw. Haydock
Ferd. Develing.

A. M. M. L. was opened in ancient form at 6½ o'clock. The W. M. passed to the chair Br. Benj. Holbrook.

Lodge closed in harmony, at 7 o'clock.

(Signed) Geo. A. Baker,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Monday Evening, November 12, 1821.

An E. A. L. was opened at 6½ o'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting and special meeting were read and approved.

Br. Cluley's petition for membership was withdrawn.

Br. Alexander Hamilton a F. Craft M. applies for Membership.

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A petition for charity was read from Mrs. Rebecca Graff, the widow of C. Graff late a member of this Lodge, whereupon five dollars were granted.

A similar petition was read from Mrs. J. Westphal, widow of Br. Westphal, whereupon a committee was appointed and five dollars was granted.

The petition of Mrs. McKeage, widow of our late Bro. Jas. McKeage, praying for relief was read, whereupon five dollars were granted.

The dues were collected, the Tyler's bill was ordered to be paid and the Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, December 10, 1821.

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 6¼ o'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Br. A. Hamilton was ballotted for and unanimously approved.

Br. Joseph Shinn, a F. C. was raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M., after the E. A. L. was closed and the M. M.'s Lodge opened.

The Committee appointed on the petitions of Mrs. Graff, Mrs. Westphal & Mrs. McKeage reported that they had paid each of the applicants the sum of five dollars.

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Mr. J. Joseph Henry, applies for initiation.

A Petition for charity signed Mary Erwin, widow, was read on which a committee was appointed, and five dollars was granted.

This being election night the following brethren were elected to their respectful offices annexed to their names.

Br. Benj. A. Meredith,	W. Master.
J. R. Burden,	S. W.
Lewis Lowry,	J. W.
A. Lafitte,	Secry.
Jos. Burden,	Treasr.

Br. Meredith was then duly installed W. Master of this Lodge for the ensuing twelve months.

The W. M. presented a bill for 1 hanging & sword belt &c. for the use of the Lodge which was ordered to be paid.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, January 14, 1822.

Members Present.

Br. Benj. A. Meredith,	W. M.	
Jesse R. Burden,	S. W.	
Lewis Lowry	J. W.	
A Lafitte	Secry.	
Jos Burden,	Treasr.	
Geo Fisher,	S. D.	
John Parker,	J. D.	
Richd Alexander,		
E. T. Weaver,		
Wm. Ruff,		
Br. F. D. Sanno.		
P. Shuster		
Geo. F. Hailer		
Br. Henry Lieb		
M. T. Wickham		
D. Newman.		
A. Wood.		
Wm. Drumm		
F. Nice.		
Dan. Weyman,		
F. Wilhelm,		
Geo. A. Baker,		
J. Joseph Henry,		
L. Keatting,		
Jno. Culin		
Alexr. Hamilton.		

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An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Henry Boraef, applies for initiation.

Mr. Chas. Eaton, applies for initiation.

Mr. J. Joseph Henry was ballotted for and unanimously elected and received the first degree of Masonry.

The E. A. L. was closed and the M. M's L. was opened.

The Committee on Mrs. Erwin, reported that they had relieved her with five dollars, the sum granted her by the Lodge.

Br. Alexander was introduced and received the sublime degree of M. Mason.

It having been stated that the widow of our respected brother Mr. O'brien stood in need of assistance, and ten dollars was then given for her relief.

A circular petition for charity for Benj. Adams was read, when a committee was appointed and five dollars was granted.

The M. M. L. was closed and the E. A. L. was opened.

The dues were collected, the tyler's bill was ordered to be paid and the Lodge closed at 8½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,

Secry.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2.

Monday Evening, February 11, 1822.

Members Present.

Br. Benj. A. Meredith,	W. M.	Br. John Parker,
J. R. Burden,	S. W.	Geo. Fisher,
Lewis Lowry,	J. W.	R. Alexander,
A. Laffitte,	Secry.	F. D. Sanno.
Jos. Burden,	Treasr.	Fred. Nice
Geo. F. Hailer,		E. T. Weaver,
V. Primrose,		Henry Lieb,
J. Joseph Henry,		Jos. Strieby
P. Shuster,		M. Pryor
L. Shuster,		Geo. Hamilton
Wm. Drumm		Wm. Ruff
D. Newman		Henry Boraef..

An E. A. L. was opened in ancient form at 7 o'clock, and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Henry Boraef was ballotted for and unanimously approved.

Mr. Chas. Eaton was ballotted for and unanimously approved.

The E. A. L. was closed and a F. C. L. was opened, when Br. Henry was passed to the degree of F. C. M.

A Petition for charity from Mr Pearson was read, on which a Committee was appointed and five dollars was granted to the petitioner.

A similar petition from Br. Ferdinand Develin was also read, on which Brs. L. Shuster, L. Lowry & R. Alexander were appointed a committee, and five dollars were granted.

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The F. C. L. was closed and the M. M's L. was opened, when Br. Henry was raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M.

The M. M. L. was closed and the E. A. L. was opened.

The dues were collected and Tyler's bill ordered to be paid the Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, March 11, 1822.

An E. A. L. was opened at 7 o'clock and the minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

Mr. James McDonald, applies for Initiation.

Br. Benjamin Adams was relieved with five dollars.

Br. Ferdinand Develin was also relieved with five dollars.

Mr. Charles Eaton received the First degree in Masonry.

Petitions for Charity were read from Mrs. Ann Alexander & Mrs. Wilhelmina Drevis, upon which five dollars granted to each party.

The E. A. L. was closed and the F. C. L. was opened, when Br. Boraef was passed to the Degree of F. C. M.

Br. Richard Tice withdraw his application.

A Bill of dues &c. due from this Lodge to the R. W. G. Lodge amounting to $107.90 was read and referred

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to a committee consisting of Brs. Weaver, Lowry and Lafitte.

The F. C. L. was closed and an E. A. L. was opened.

The dues were collected, the Tyler's bill was ordered to be paid and the Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Monday Evening, April 8, 1822.

An E. A. L. was opened at 7¼ o'clock & the minutes of the last stated meeting having been read, were adopted.

Mr. James Mc. McDonald was ballotted for and unanimously elected.

Br. Eaton was passed to the degree of F. C. M.

A petition for charity was read, from the widow of James McKeage and five dollars was granted her.

Mrs. Phebe Whitney was also relieved with the sum of five dollars.

The annual communication of the R. W. G. Lodge was received and ordered to be deposited in the archives of the Lodge.

The dues were collected, the Tyler's bill was ordered to be paid & the Lodge closed in harmony at 10 O'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

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Special Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Friday Evening, April 19, 1822.

Members.	*Visitors.*
Br. Lambert Keatting	Br. Saml. Wonderly,
E. T. Weaver,	Jas. Shaw,
	Jas. Gowan,

A Master Masons Lodge was opened at 7½ o'clock, when Br. Josiah Collins Shinner, a Master Mason, and member of Lodge No. 54, held at Edenton, North Carolina. was passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony, at 8 o'clock.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Monday Evening, May 13, 1822.

Members Present.		
Br. Benj. A. Meredith,	W. M.	Br. M. T. Wickham
Jesse R. Burden,	S. W.	D. Newman
L. Lowry,	J. W.	E. T. Weaver,
A. Laffitte,	Secry.	Chas. Eaton,
Joseph Burden,	Treasr.	Henry Lieb,
Geo. Fisher,		J. Joseph Henry
Rd. Alexander,		Jno. Parker,
Br. F. D. Sanno.		A. Wood,
F. Nice.		Jas. McDonald,
R. Welford,		Danl. Weyman,
P. Shuster,		

An E. A. L. was opened at 8 o'clock, and the minutes of last meeting read. and adopted.

Mr. Alexander McArthur, applies for initiation.

Br. Eaton received the degree of M. M.

Br. McDonald was passed to the degree of F. C. M.

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A Petition for Charity from Br. Tho. Noblit, was read, and five dollars was given for his relief.

A Application for charity having been made, five dollars was given to Mrs. Kean.

The dues were collected, Tyler's bill was paid, and the Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock,

A. LAFITTE,
Secry.

SPECIAL MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. MASONS.

Friday, June 7, 1822.

Members Present.—Bro. E. T. Weaver, W. M. Br. Chas Schneider, & Br. Saml. Wonderly.

Br. Danl. Brown was passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 7½ o'clock.

(signed) SAML. WONDERLY,
Secry. P. T.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, ANCIENT Y. MASONS.

Monday Evening, June 10, 1882.

Members Present.

Br. Benj. A. Meredith,	W. M.	Br. F. D. Sanno.
J. R. Burden,	S. W.	D. Weyman,
L. Lowry,	J. W.	L. Shuster,
A. Laffitte,	Secry.	H. Lieb,
Geo. Fisher,		H. Boraef,
F. Nice.		Alexr. McArthur,
R. Alexander,		E. T. Weaver,
P. Shuster,		G. Hamilton.
B. Harris,		
J. J. Henry.		

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A M. M. was opened at 7¾ o'clock.

Br. Henry Boraef was raised to the sublime degree of M. M.

Mr. Alexander McArthur, was ballotted for and unanimously.

Br. L. Shuster tendered his resignation,

Mr. Alexander McArthur received the first degree in Masonry.

A circular address was read from Western Star Lodge No. 146, soliciting assistance in endowing a professorship of Mathematics in Allegheny College; On motion it was ordered to lie on the Table.

Br. Wm. Farrer John Hoffecker, John Sommer, John Winey were expelled.

The Lodge closed in harmony, at 10 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, July 8, 1822.

Members Present.

Br. B. A. Meredith,	W. M.	Br. Danl. Weyman.
J. R. Burden,	S. W.	R. Welford,
L. Lowry,	J. W.	G. Hamilton,
A. Laffitte,	Secry.	R. Alexander,
J. Burden,		John Parker.
A. Wood,		
J. J. Henry,		
E. T. Weaver,		
F. Nice.		

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An E. A. L. was opened at 8 o'clock, and the Minutes were read and adopted.

A. Communication from the R. W. Grand Treasurer, requesting payment of $107.90, the amt. of dues from this Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge was read. On Motion and seconded, resolved that it be paid so far as the funds allow.

Br. Gregory applied for charity and five dollars was given him.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. York Masons.

Monday Evening, August 12, 1822.

An E. A. L. opened at 8 o'clock and the minutes were read and approved.

Twenty-dollars was given in aid of the Gas Establishment.

Mrs. Kean was given five dollars, for charity relief.

The Lodge closed in harmony, at 9 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. York Masons.

Monday Evening, September 9, 1882.

An E. A. L. opened at 7½ o'clock and the minutes were read and approved.

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Br. McDonald was raised to the Sublime degree of M.M.

The dues were collected, the Tyler's bill was paid and the Lodge closed in harmony, at 8½ o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. York Masons.

Monday Evening, October 14, 1822.

Members Present.

Br. B. A. Meredith,	W. M.	Br. Fred. Nice.
Jesse R. Burden,	S. W.	John Parker,
R. Alexander,	J. W. p. t.	Henry Lieb,
A. Laffitte,	Secry.	Benj. Holbrook,
Jos. Burden	Treas.	D. Newman.

An E. A. L. opened at 7 o'clock and minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. There being no other business the Lodge closed in harmony, at 7½ o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, November 11, 1822.

Members Present.

Br. B. A. Meredith,	W. M.	Br. G. Hamilton,
Jesse R. Burden,		F. D. Sanno,
Lewis Lowry,		H. Lieb,
A. Laffitte,		R. Alexander,
M. T. Wickham,		Geo. Fisher,
F. Nice,		Jas. Webster,
H. Boraef,		Geo. A. Baker,
P. Shuster,		John Parker,
		Chas. Eaton,

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An E. A. L. opened at 6½ o'clock, and the minutes were read and approved.

A Communication was read from Geo. Washington Lodge, No. 143, Chambersburg, soliciting donations to aid them in the erection of a Masonic Hall. It was resolved to be filed in the Archives.

A letter from the R. W. Grand Master, to Brn. of Lodge No. 43, was also filed in the archives.

Mrs. McKeage received a donation of Five Dollars.

And the Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Extra Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Tuesday, December 3, 1822.

There were six Members present.

Josiah Randall, Grand Master issued a dispensation to Lodge No. 2, to Enter, Pass and Raise, J. D. Long. Br. Long was introduced and received the degrees.

The Lodge closed in harmony.

E. T. Weaver,
Secry, P.T.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, Decr. 9, 1822.

There were 30 members present.

A M. Master L. was opened and the Minutes of the last stated and extra meetings were read and approved.

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Bro. Joseph Gregory, was relieved with the sum of Five Dollars.

Mrs. Keage was also relieved with the sum of Five Dollars.

A Communication was read from the R. W. G. Treasr. requesting the payment of $107.90, dues from this Lodge.

A Communication was read, stating that the Warrant of Lodge No. 152 at Easton had been called in.

This being election night the following brethren were elected:—

Br. Jesse R. Burden,	W. Master.
" Lewis Lowry,	Senior Warden,
" Richard Alexander,	Junr. Warden.
" A. Laffitte,	Secretary,
" Joseph Burden,	Treasurer.

Bros. Robt. Welford, V. Primrose, & Geo. Fisher, tendered their resignations.

Bro. Jesse R. Burden, was then installed Worshipful.

The lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Ms.

Monday Evening, January 13, 1823.

There were present Fifteen members.

An E. A. L. opened at 6½ o'clock, and the minutes read and adopted.

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A Communication was read from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania containing an acct. of their proceedings with Lodges No. 43, & 152 & requested Lodge No. 2, to appoint delegates to the Gr. Committee. to be held in the city of Philadelphia, 25th February next; the following brethren were appointed, Bros. Jesse R. Burden, Geo. A. Baker, and Emmor T. Weaver.

Bro. Thos. Stone's dues were remitted.

Bros. Benj. Harris & Joseph Striely were suspended, for non-payment of dues.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, February 10, 1823.

There were present 12 Members.

An E. A. L. opened at 7 o'clock and the minutes were read and approved.

Thomas Stone withdraw from the Lodge.

Doctor John Sommer was reinstated in his former standing.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ O'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. MASONS.

Monday Evening, March 10, 1823.

There were present fourteen members.

An E. A. L. opened and the minutes were read and adopted.

Mr. Nicholas Saring applied for initiation.

Bro. Strieby was reinstated in his former standing in the Lodge. his dues being remitted up to this time. Bro. Strieby then withdrew from the Lodge.

Bro. Hailer asked to withdraw from the Lodge.

Bro Moses Isaacs & Br. Jno Megart was relieved with the summ of five dollars.

Bro. Frederick ask to withdraw from the Lodge, which was granted.

Bro. Daniel Weyman tendered his resignation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

A. LAFITTE,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, ANCIENT YORK MASONS.

Monday Evening, April 14, 1823.

There were eighteen members present.

An E. A. L. opened and the minutes were read and adopted.

A bill was presented for Grand Lodge dues, amount ing to $124.64, which was ordered to be paid.

Mr. Nicholas Saring was ballotted for and unani-

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mously elected, and received the first degree of freemasonry.

Bro. Weyman's petition to withdraw was granted.

Bro. McArthur was passed to the degree of F. C. Mason.

Bro. Beyle was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

Monday Evening, May 12, 1823.

There were fifteen members present.

The E. A. L. opened and the minutes were read and adopted.

Bro. Saring received the second degree in Masonry.

Bro. McArthur was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Masons.

Monday Evening, June 9, 1823.

There were present twelve members.

An E. A. L. opened at 8 o'clock and the minutes were read and approved.

Mr. T. Cosfeldt applies for membership.

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Bro. Saring, received the third degree in Masonry.

Bro. Philip was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

The Sum of $124.67, was paid over to the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Resignations of Bros. Jno. Culin and Richard Fetters were accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. Ms.

Monday Evening, July 14, 1823.

There were present Ten Members.

An E. A. L. opened and the Minutes were dispensed with.

Mr. Francis Cosfeldt was ballotted for and approved.

Bro. Philip Todd was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Bro. Jacob Switzer applies for membership.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Monday Evening, August 11, 1823.

There were present Eleven Members.

The E. A. L. opened and the minutes were read and approved.

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Bro. Boyle was relieved with the sum of Two Dollars.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Monday Evening, September 8, 1823.

There Eighteen Members present.

An. E. A. L. opened and the Minutes were read and adopted.

Bro. Cosfeldt, was passed to the second degree of masonry.

Bro. Sweitzer was ballotted for and approved.

Bro. Meredith tendered his resignation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Special Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Friday, October 3, 1823.

Present this night was, Bro. E. T. Weaver, Chs. Schneider, Beatty, Jno. R. Taylor.

Bro. George Graham was passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony,

(Signed) J. S. Riley,
Secry, pro tem.

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STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, October 13, 1823.

There were Twelve Members present.

An. E A. L. was opened and the minutes read and adopted.

Bro. F. Cosfeldt was raised to the Sublime degree of M. Master.

Mrs. Fisher was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

The Lodge closed in harmony,

A. LAFITTE,
Secry.

STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, November 10, 1823.

There were Thirteen Members present.

An E. A. L. opened at 6½ o'clock, when the Grand Master and his officers visited the Lodge, after the E. A. L. was closed and the M. Masons lodge was opened.

That A Special Meeting held Oct. 3rd, and 8th 1823, two Bros. passed the Chair by virtue of a Dispensation, and it does not appear that the Brethren, not Past Masters, had been required to withdraw.

N. R. POTTS,
Grand Secretary. Pro Tem.

Mr. Hadry applies for initiation.

Mrs Fisher was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock,

A. LAFFITTE,
Secry.

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STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, December 8, 1823.

Br. Lewis Lowry,	W. Master.
Peter Shuster,	S. Warden,
F. D. Sanno,	J. Warden,
A. Laffitte,	Secy.
Jos. Burden,	Treasr.

There were Nineteen Members present.

An E. A. L. opened and the Minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Hadry was ballotted for and unanimously elected.

Mrs. Graff was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

This being Election Night the following Brethren were elected:

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

A. LAFFITTE,
Secry.

STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, January 12, 1824.

There were Eleven Members present.

An E. A. L. opened and the minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Secretary demanded the Sum of $279.92, the balance due by this Lodge to the R W. Grand Lodge

Bro. Sommer withdrew from the Lodge.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 7¾ o'clock.

A. LAFITTE,
Secry.

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SPECIAL MEETING.

Tuesday Evening, February 6, 1824.

There were Seven Members present.

A. M. Masons Lodge was opened and Bro. Jarvis F. Hanks was passed to the Chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock,

(Signed) J. S. RILEY,
Sec. P. T.

STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, February 9, 1824.

There were present Sixteen Members.

An E. A. L. opened and the Minutes were read and adopted.

Bro. G. L. Corbin was suspended.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock,

A. LAFITTE,
Secry.

STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, March 8, 1824.

There were present Fourteen Members.

An E. A. L. opened and the Minutes were read and approved.

Bros. Jesse R. Burden, Wm. Drum and Wm. Ruff withdrew.

Wm. Wilson Longstreth and Wm. W. Meredith applies for initiation.

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Bros Leib Saring and Sanno were appointed a committee.

Bro. Robt. Wellford, late a member of this lodge, applies for Membership.

Bros. P. A. Oliver and Alexr. Hamilton were suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Lodge closed in Harmony,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting.

Monday Evening, April 12, 1824.

There were present Fifteen Members.

An E. A. L. opened and the Minutes of Last Stated Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Jas Johnson, applies for initiation.

Wm. W. Meredith and Wm. Wilson Longstreth were ballotted for unanimously elected.

Bro. Robert Wellford was ballotted for and unanimously elected.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9¼ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting.

Monday Evening, May 10, 1824.

There were present Fifteen Members.

An. E. A. L. opened and the Minutes were read and adopted.

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James Johnson was ballotted for and unanimously approved, and received the degree of Entered Apprentice.

Bros. Meredith & Longstreth received the second degree in Masonry.

Bro. Simon applies for membership, late a member of this Lodge.

Mrs Carr, the widow of Edward W. Carr, had been relieved with the sum of Ten Dollars.

Bro. Philip Todd was relieved with the sum of Two dollars per week, until next meeting.

Bro. Matthew Pryor was suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting.

Monday Evening, June 14, 1824.

There were present Seventeen Members.

An E. A. L. opened and the Minutes of the Last Stated Meeting were read and adopted.

Bro. Johnson was passed to the degree of F. C. Mason.

Bro. Simon Maley was ballotted for and unanimously elected a Member.

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Bros. Meredith & Longstreth were raised to the Sublime degree of M. Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10½ o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting.

Monday Evening, July 12, 1824.

There were present Fifteen Members,

An. E. A. L opened and the Minutes were read and approved.

Bro. Henry Hadry was passed to the degree of F. C. Mason.

Bro. Johnson was raised to the Sublime Degree of M. Mason.

Bro. Robt. Wellfords admission fee was remitted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Special Meeting.

July 9, 1824.

Members Present.—Bro. Emmor T. Weaver, W. M. Bro. Jos. W. Rowland, S. W. Bro. S. Wonderly, J. W.

A. M. M's Lodge opened, when Bro. Jno. Cottingham was passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony,

(Signed) Chas. Schneider,
Secry. pro Tem.

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Stated Meeting.

Monday Evening, August 9, 1824.

Members Present.		Br. W. W. Longstreth,
Br. Lewis Lowry,	W. M.	Geo. Hamilton,
F. D. Sanno,	S. W.	Alex. McArthur,
Henry Lieb,	J. W.	F. Nice.
A. Lafitte,	Secry.	Emmor T. Weaver,
Jas. Johnson,		
Simon Maley.		

An E. A. L. opened at 8½ o'clock, and the Minutes of last Meeting were read and adopted.

Bro. Simon Maley's admission fee was remitted.

The Lodge closed in harmony,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting.

Monday Evening, September 13, 1824.

There were Twelve members present.

An E. A. L. opened at 7 o'clock, the Minutes were dispensed with.

Mr. Wm. S. Frederick applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock,

E. T. Weaver,
Secry. pro tem.

In the fall of this year a noteworthy event took place in Philadelphia. This was the visit of Bro. General Lafayette to Philadelphia, who was the guest of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 2,

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1824. A full account of this event is given in a pamphlet lately published by the Committee on Library, viz:—

The History of Brother General Lafayette's Fraternal Connections with the R. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Pennsylvania, compiled from the Original Records together with Mementos and Relics in the Library and Museum.

STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, October 11, 1824.

There were Sixteen Members present.

An E. A. L. opened in ancient form at 7 o'clock and the Minutes of the Two Last Stated Meetings were read and adopted.

Mr. W. S. Frederick was ballotted for and unanimously elected, and received the first degree in Masonry.

A Circular petition for Charity was read from Br. George Fisher late a member of this Lodge, and he was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

The Resignations of Bros. Briggs and Hailer were accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

A. LAFITTE,
Secry.

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BADGE WORN BY THE COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE BRO. LAFAYETTE,
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STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, November 8, 1824.

There were Eighteen Members present.

An E. A. L. opened at 6 o'clock and the Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Bro. Fisher was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Bro. Frederick was passed to the Degree of F. C. Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock,

A. LAFITTE,
Secry.

SPECIAL MEETING.

November 12, 1824.

Present.—Bro. E. T. Weaver, W. M., p.t., Jos. S. Riley, S. W. p.t. John Uhle, J. W. p. t. John Steele, Secy, p.t. Thomas Amies, Treas. p. t, Saml. Wonderly, Thos, Small, Samuel Durborow.

The Lodge was opened in ancient form, when Bro. Jacob Hunkle of Lodge No. 143, was passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony,

(Signed) JOHN STEELE,
Secry, P.T.

STATED MEETING.

Monday Evening, December 13, 1824.

There were Twenty Members present.

A F. C, Lodge opened, when Bro. Wm. S. Frederick

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was examined and found worthy of advancement. The F. C. L. closed and the M. Masons Lodge opened, when Bro. Wm. S. Frederick, was raised to the sublime degree of M. Mason.

This being election night the following officers were appointed for the ensuing twelve months.

Br. Peter Shuster,	W. Master,
F. D. Sanno,	S. Warden,
Geo. Hamilton	J. Warden,
A. Lafitte,	Secry.
Jos. Burden,	Treas.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,

Secry.

Special Meeting.

Thursday, December 23, 1824.

Members Present.—Bro. Peter Shuster, W. M., F. D. Sanno, S. W., George Hamilton J. W., A. Lafitte, Secry, Emmor T. Weaver, F. Nice.

Visitors present.

John Uhle and others.

An E. A. L. opened at 3½, o'clock P. M.

Mr. Manl. Andrew Sanchez, was entered, passed and raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in Harmony, at 5 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,

Secry.

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Monday Evening, Jany 10, 1825.

Members Present.—Bros. Peter Shuster, W.M., F. D. Sanno, S.W., Geo. Hamilton, J.W., A. Lafitte, Secy., Jos. Burden, Treas.

There being six other members present.

A Master Masons Lodge was opened and the Officers elect were severally installed.

The Master Masons Lodge closed and the E. A. Lodge opened, when Elisha Roseberry was initiated into the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason.

The Entered Apprentice Lodge was closed and the Fellow-Craft Masons Lodge was opened, when Elisha Roseberry was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

The Fellow Craft Lodge was closed and the Master Masons Lodge opened, when Elisha Roseberry was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Leib's resignation was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9: o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Monday Evening, February 14, 1825.

There were fourteen members present.

A Petition for initiation was presented by Mr/ Charles Oat.

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The Lodge closed in harmony at 8: o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Monday Evening March 14, 1825.

There were Eighteen Members present.

Charles Oat was initiated into the degree of Entered Apprentice Mason.

Joseph B. Haines, William N. Grear and Peter Hinckel, Jr. applied for initiation.

Mrs. Eunice Tilton applied for Charity and received the sum of Five Dollars.

Mrs. McKeage also applied for Charity and received the same amount (5.00)

Bro. W. W. Meredith offered his resignation which was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 O'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Monday Evening, April 11, 1825.

There were Eighteen Members present, and Five Regular appointed Officers.

Mr. Edmund Burke applied for Initiation.

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William N. Grear, Peter Hinckel and Jos. B. Haines was initiated into the first degree of Masonry.

Bro. Charles Oat was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10: O'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

Monday Evening, May 9, 1825.

There were Fifteen Members.

Mr Edmund Burke, was initiated into the first degree of Masonry.

Bros. Grear and Hinckel were passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Mr. Daniel Pryor, applied for initiation.

Bro. Oat was raised to the degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 11¾ o'clock.

(signed) Chas. Oat,
Secry P. T.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

Monday Evening, June 13, 1825.

There were present Seventeen Members present.

Mr. Daniel Pryor was ballotted for and unanimously approved for initiation, and received the first degree in Masonry.

Bro. Jones and Mrs. George were relieved with the sum of three dollars.

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Bro. Haines was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason, also Bro. Burke received the same degree.

Bro. Grear was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10½ o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secr'y.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

Monday Evening, July 11, 1825.

There were fourteen Members present.

Bro. Pryor received the second degree in Masonry.

Bro. Hinckel and Bro. Burke, were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

Monday Evening, August 8, 1825.

There were fourteen Members present.

Bro. Haines was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, also Bro. Pryor received the same degree.

Bro. Longstreth's resignation was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

A. Lafitte,
secr'y.

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Monday Evening, Sept. 12, 1825.

There were present sixteen members.

Jesse R. Burden was ballotted for and unanimously approved.

Mr. Wm. Hunter applies for initiation.

A Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge containing a circular issued by Lodge No. 163, was read and ordered to be deposited in the archives.

Bro. John Kean, applies for a certificate.

Bro. William T. Howell, applies for membership.

On motion and seconded, it was Resolved that a supper be provided from the funds of this Lodge at the next stated meeting.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
secr'y.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

Monday Evening, Oct. 10, 1825.

There were 23 members present.

Mr. . . William Hunter was ballotted for and unanimously approved.

Bro. Howell was elected.

Bro. Newbern was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

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Mr. Hunter received the first degree in Masonry.

The Committee on the application of Bro. John Kean for a certificate reported that it was inexpedient to grant him one which report was adopted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

Monday evening, November 14, 1825.

There were eighteen members present,

Godfrey Briggs applies for initiation.

Marcena Davis, applies for initiation.

Similar petitions were received from George Berriman and Levi Lingo and J. M. Douglass

On motion and seconded, Resolved that a committee be appointed to reconsider the application of Bro. Kean for a Certificate.

On Motion and seconded, Resolved that so much of the 14th article of the By-Laws, as exact fees of admission, be suspended for the period of twelve months, with respect to brothers who have been formerly members of this lodge.

The Lodge closed in harmony, at 8½ O'clock.

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

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Monday Evening, Dec. 12, 1825.

There were present Thirty-three members.

J. Dorsey, J. Erhardt and Robert Davis applies for initiation.

Godfrey Briggs, Robert Peall, Marcena Davis, George Berriman, Levi Linge and J. M. Douglass were severally ballotted and unanimously approved.

Mrs Wile was relieved with the sum of Five dollars.

The Committee appointed to reconsider Bro. Kean's application for a certificate, reported that it was inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Godfrey Briggs, Robert Peall, Marcena Davis, George Berriman & Levi Lingo were severally introduced, and initiated into the first degree of Masonry.

This being election night, the Lodge was called off from labor to refreshments for ten minutes, for the purpose of preparing their tickets. After which time they were called on again and the following brethren were elected to serve for the ensuing masonic year commencing from St. John's Day next.

Bro. F. D. Sanno,	Worshipful Master,	
Nicholas Saring,	Senior Warden,	
Charles Oat,	Junior Warden,	
Emmor T. Weaver,	Bro. A. Lafitte,	(Secretary)

having declined a reelection

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Bro. Peter Shuster, Bro. Joseph Burden, (Treasurer) having declined a reelection.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock,

A. Lafitte,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

Monday Evening, January 9th, 1826.

There were present twenty-one members.

Jeremiah Dorsey was ballotted for and unanimously approved, and received the first degree in Masonry.

Bro. G. F. Hailer applies for initiation.

Br. Crozier and Mrs. Pearson, were relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Mr. Lewis R. King, Jr. applies for initiation.

Mr. Joseph M. Douglass received the first degree in Masonry.

Brs. Hunter, Berriman, M. Davis and R. Peale were passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

On Motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this Lodge be presented to Past Master & Treasurer, Joseph Burden for the punctuallty, Fidelity and etc. which for 17 years past he has attended to the office of Treasurer of this Lodge and that the same be transcribed on Parchment and an Extract of the same with the seal of the Lodge be presented to him.

On Motion, Resolved that the thanks of this Lodge be presented to Bro. Past Master, A. Lafitte, for the

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punctuality and fidelity with which he has for years past, performed the office of secretary of this Lodge and that the same be transcribed with the seal of this Lodge attached, be presented to him.

Committee Weaver, Saring and Oat.

The Lodge closed in harmony, at 10 o'clock

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Febry 13, 1826.

There were present 19 Members.

Petition of Lewis R. King, was reported favourable and he was ballotted for and approved, and he then received the first degree in Masonry.

Brs. R. Davis J. Dorsey and Levi Lingo was severally introduced and passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Bro. W. W. Longstreth applies for membership.

Bro. Lafitte presented his resignation, and it was laid over.

Br. Hunter, Briggs, Peale and Berryman were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Br. G. F. Hailer was ballotted for and approved.

Mr. Edward P. Lecompt applies for initiation.

The dues were collected and the Lodge closed in harmony at 10½ o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
secry.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

March 13th, 1826

There were twenty four members present.

Edward P. Lecompt was ballotted for and approved, and received the first degree in Masonry.

Richard Bailey and William Cummings applies for initiation.

Bro. Lewis R. King was passed to the degree of a fellow-craft mason.

Robt. Davis, Marcena Davis and J. Dorsey, were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Br. Longstreth was balloted for and elected.

The Resignation of Bro. Lafitte was accepted.

Mrs. Ann Jane McLaughlin and Mrs. Martin were granted the sum of three dollars. for relief.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10½ o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.
Lodge No. 2.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

April 10, 1826.

There were present 24 Members.

Br. Wm. W. Longstreth was duly passed to the chair.

Bailey and Cummings were balloted for and approved. and received the first degree in Masonry.

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On Motion, Resolved, That a Certificate be granted to Bro. Lafitte.

Br. Morse applies for Membership.

Resolved, That if Br. Morse should be elected a member his fee for membership be remitted.

Br. Douglass was passed to the degree of a fellow-craft mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. MASONS,

May 8th, A. L. 5826.

There were present 18 Members.

Bro. Morse was balloted for and approved.

W. John James, James H. Stewart and Mr. Thomas Winfred apply for initiation.

Br. R. McClayland applies for membership.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to consider and report ways and means to create a fund for charitable purposes and also to secure the payment of our Grand Lodge Dues Committee, Burden, Shuster and Lowry.

Br. Cummings and Bailey were passed to the degree of a fellow-craft mason.

Br. Golder applies for membership.

A Resignation was received from Br. W. Arthur and

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laid over and on motion, Resolved that he be recommended to the Grand Officers for a Grand Lodge Certificate.

Br. Lecompt was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10½ o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE, No. 2,

Monday Evening June 12th, 1826.

There were present eighteen Members.

James and Stewart were duly balloted for and approved.

James received the first degree in Masonry.

On Motion, of the petition of Thos. Winfred, it was withdrawn.

The resignation of Br. Arthur was accepted.

R, M. Clayland and Golder was balloted for and approved.

The following resolution was read and laid over for consideration, viz:—Resolved That a Committee be appointed to wait on the delinquent members and that they have power to comprise and receive their resignation to be accepted by the Lodge after presenting it to the Lodge.

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Br. Lewis R. King was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING, LODGE No. 2,

June 16, 1826.

There were present Seven members. &c.

An Entered Apprentices M. Lodge was opened.

The Secretary and Candidates for advance being absent the Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2,

Monday Evening July 10, 1826.

There being 13 Members present.

The resignations of Bros. Newman and Frederick were accepted.

The Committee of charity on Mrs. Wood and James Draper reported that they had granted Mrs Wood $10.00 and James Draper $5.00.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secy of Lodge.

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Monday Evening, August 14, 1826.

There being 18 Members present.

Br. Cummings was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

On Motion, Br. Paul A. Oliver was suspended for non-payment of dues.

Br. Luther Barnes resignation was accepted.

A Committee appointed to collect outstanding dues.

Andrew Anderson and W. Ephriam Hall applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. MASONS.

September 11th, 1826.

There being present 18 Members.

Mr. Thomas I. Person and Thos. W. Newlin applies for initiation.

Mr. Thos. Winfred, Mr. Andrew Anderson and Mr. Ephreim Hall were severally balloted for and elected.

Mr. Thos. Winfred received the first degree in Masonry.

Br. Chas. Eaton was suspended for non-payment of dues.

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Br. Levi Lingo was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Br. Erhardt withdraw his petition.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

SPECIAL MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. MASONS.

October 2nd, 1826.

There being present 11 Members.

Mr. Ephraim Hall received the first degree in Masonry.

The Resignation of R. M. Clayland was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

E. T. WEAVER,
sec'y.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. MASONS,

October 9, 1826.

There being present 26 members.

Mr. Anderson received the first degree in Masonry.

Br. Winfred was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

Mr. Richard M. Burke and Robert Smith applies for initiation.

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Newlin and Pearson were separately balloted for and elected.

Mr. Thomas W. Newlin received the first degree of Masonry.

Mr. Pearson also received the same degree.

Br. Hall was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

Br. Hall was then raised to the degree of a Master Mason, by permission of the Grand Master.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock,

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

November 13, 1826.

There being present 13 members.

Br. Thomas J. Pearson was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

Mr. Robert Smith and Richard M. Burke were balloted for and elected.

Mr. Burke received the first degree in Masonry.

Br. Anderson was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Br. Newlin also received the second degree in Masonry.

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Br. Joseph M. Douglass and Br. Winfree were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 10 o'clock.

Jno. Golder,
secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

December 11, 1826.

There being present 35 members.

Br. Peales and Hymas resignation were accepted.

W. McClaskey was balloted for and elected.

W J. H. Stewart received the first degree in Masonry.

Mr. Robert Smith received the first degree in Masonry.

Mr. Claskey also received the first degree in Masonry

Chas. A. Stinger and Ben. Oakford applies for initiation

Br. R. M. Burke was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

This being election night, the Lodge was called off from labor to refreshments, when the following brethren were elected to serve for the coming masonic year.

Br. Saring,	Worshipful Master,
Hinckel	Senior Warden,
Lecompt	Junior Warden,
Emmor T. Weaver,	Secretary,
Peter Shuster,	Treasurer,

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ Past 9 o'clock.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Jan. 8, 1827

Br. Smith was passed to the degree of a fellow-craft mason.

Mr. Benj. Oakford was balloted for and approved, and received the first degree in Masonry.

John Thomas applies for initiation.

Br. Anderson was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Chas. A. Stinger's petition was withdrawn.

Bro. Richard M. Burke received the third degree in masonry.

There were present 11 members.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.,

Febry. 12, 1827.

There were 15 members present.

Bro. Oakford received the second degree in masonry.

Bro. Bunyan was relieved with the sum of $10.00

Assa S. Autrim applies for initiation.

Bro. Thomas J. Pearson was raised to the sublime degree of a master mason.

Bro. Cummings was passed to the chair.

Bro. M. Claskey was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

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Br. Thos. J. Pearson's resignation was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past Nine O'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. MASONS

March 12, 1827.

There being present 16 members.

Mr. Assa S. Autrim received the first degree in masonry.

The resignation of Bro. Pitt Morse was accepted.

Mr. Joseph M. Brown applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past eight.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2,

April 9, 1827

There were present 14 members, and 26 visitors.

Mr. Joseph M. Brown received the first degree in masonry.

Br. Antrim was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

Br. M. Claskey was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Mr. John Thomas withdraw his petition.

On motion made and seconded, it was resolved that

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the 1st article of the By-Laws be amended by introducing after the words "fifty cents" the words "except Mariners regularly occupied in their profession and travelling brethren who shall be charged 25 cents per month during their absence provided the lodge is notified previous to their departure.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past nine.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2,

May 14, 1827.

There were present 18 members, and one visitor.

Bro. Jacob York was relieved with the sum of three dollars.

Gustavis J. Pessa, John Burncastle and John Simns apply for initiation.

Br. Joseph W. Brown received the second degree in masonry

Br. Robert Smith received the third degree in masonry

William W. Warr applies for membership.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
sec'y.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2,

June 11, 1827.

There being present 18 members.

John Simms and John Barncastle applies for initiation.

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John Postill, Ezra Garrett and John Sellings applies for initiation.

Mr. Simms and Mr. Barncastle received the first degree in masonry.

Br. Warr was balloted for and elected a member.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secretary Lodge No. 2.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2

July 9, 1827.

There being present 15 members.

Ezra T. Garritt, J. Postill and Sellins were balloted for and elected.

Mrs Childs was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Mr. John Postill received the first degree of masonry.

Bro. Bailey was suspended from the order, by motion of the lodge.

E. T. Garritt, John Sellings received the first degree in masonry.

The resignations of Bros. Wm. N. Grear, Edmound Burke and James Johnson were accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
secry

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August 13, 1827

There being present 17 members.

Bro. R. W. Burke was passed to the chair.

Bros. Postill and Burncastle were passed to the fellow craft degree.

The Lodge highly disapproved of the music and noise kept up during the lodge hour in the lower rooms, of the Masonic Hall.

Bros. Simms, E. T. Garrett and John Sellings received the second degree in masonry.

Bro. Brown was raised to the sublime degree of a master mason.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2,

September 10, 1827.

There being present 20 members.

Bros. Postill, Garrett, John Sellings were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The committee attended to the Music and Noise in the lower rooms.

Jacob Reed applies for initiation.

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Bro. Simms was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

E. T. Weaver,
Secy of Lodge No2.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2,

October 8, 1827.

There being present 13 members.

Mr. Jacob Reed, received the first degree in Masonry

The petition of Gustavus G. Pessa was on motion withdrawn.

The resignation of Bro. Thos. Winfred was accepted.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at ½ past seven. o'clock.

Emmor T. Weaver,
secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. L. 5827

November 12, 1827,

There being present 18 members.

James S. Martin, Peter J. Book applies for membership.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Draper for charity, Reported that they had attended to their duty and gave him the money.

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Bro. Wm. Hunter was suspended for non-payment of dues.

Bro. Reed was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

On motion the 1st article of our bye-laws proposed at the meeting in April 9th, 1827 was adopted.

Bro. Simms was passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,

secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2,

December 11, 1827.

There being present 30 members, and 32 Visitors.

Bro. Reed received the third degree in masonry.

James S. Martin and P. J. Book were balloted for and approved.

Bro. Henry Nichols applies for membership.

Bro. Jones was on motion suspended for non-payment of dues.

Br. Nice's resignation were accepted.

On motion, Bro. P. A. Oliver was suspended for non-payment of dues.

On motion, Bro. Godfrey Briggs dues was remitted and he was sticken off the list of members.

Bro. Robert Wellsford resignation was accepted.

This being election night, the following brethren were elected to serve for the coming Masonic Year:—

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Bro. Peter Hinckel,	Worshipful Master,
Richard M. Burke,	Senior Warden,
William Cummings,	Junior Warden,
Weaver,	Secretary,
Peter Shuster,	Treasurer.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,

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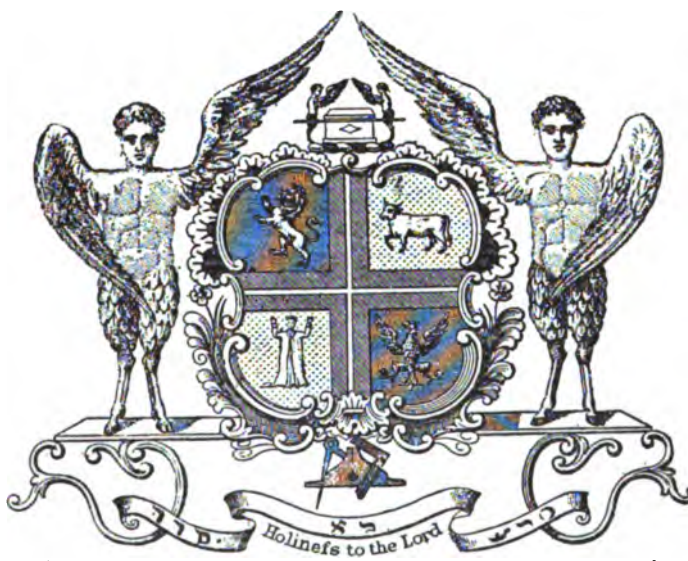

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CHAPTER XXVI

The Anti-Masonic Period, 1828–1831

TOWARD the close of the decade there came a dark cloud over the Masonic horizon which for a time cast a shadow over our fair land. This craze, known as the Anti-Masonic movement, commenced in the small village of Batavia, in the western part of the state of New York in the year 1826. At first a small flickering flame, it soon increased to proportions which swept over almost the whole country, the incident being seized on by political ringsters for their own advancement and gain. Political organizations were formed and the local newspapers were used to incite the public against the Masonic Fraternity. This was especially the case in the country districts among the ignorant and illiterate. Lectures were held by both clergymen and politicians, who told their hearers the most gruesome tales about the "Masons" and how they made a compact with the devil, signed with their own blood, at the time of their initiation. The rights of the church were with-

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held from such members as refused openly to renounce their allegiance to the Masonic Fraternity. So great was the feeling in the rural sections that churches were broken up, political parties disrupted, and the most tender ties of friendship between man and man were counted for nought by those who went mad on the subject of the mystic order. Even the families of men who were Masons or supposed to belong to the order were ostracized. Cases are upon record where clergymen in their churches gave what they called expositions of initiation in various degrees of Freemasonry, after which men who had never been within the tyled portals, and even women, would get up in the open meeting and publicly renounce Freemasonry and the devil. Strange as it may now appear this clerical opposition to freemasonry was chiefly confined to the Baptist and Methodist Denomination.

Like unto the rolling snowball the Anti-Masonic craze kept increasing in size. Its influence, however, was not felt to any great extent in the large cities until the year 1827.

The beginning of this whole trouble was the "Morgan Excitement" (as it was originally styled). This was brought about as follows. David C. Miller, publisher of a weekly newspaper in the village of Batavia in New York, together with one John Davis and Russell Dyer, of Rochester, N. Y., induced by a desire of gain, entered into an agreement with one William Morgan, an illiterate, intemperate and dissolute character living

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in Batavia, to publish a book purporting to reveal all the mysteries of Freemasonry of which Morgan was to be the pretended editor. The other parties were to furnish the funds and publish the work, giving, as it was said, one quarter of the proceeds of sales to Morgan. While the sheets were being printed at Miller's office some unjustifiable efforts were made by inconsiderate persons to suppress the work, which gave the affair a tenfold notoriety.

An attempt was also made, it was claimed, to burn the printing office, and a fire certainly took place, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. Every effort was made to induce the printer and informer to abandon their enterprise, but they persevered. Miller was a shrewd enough business man to know that all this excitement was likely to aid in the commercial success of his book.

On September 11, 1826, Morgan was arrested and lodged in Canandaigua jail. On the twelfth he was taken in a conveyance through Victor, Rochester and Clarkson, to Lewiston, a distance of over one hundred miles and lodged in Fort Niagara. What took place when the party reached Fort Niagara is not clear, but it is presumed that Morgan and his escort crossed the Niagara River and then returned. At all events, Morgan was in Fort Niagara on September 17, 1826. On that date also he disappeared, and the most exhaustive inquiry, the most vigilant search instituted with all the power and machinery of the state, backed up by the

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offers of rich pecuniary rewards, as well as practical proffers of protection to any informer, failed to explore the mystery of where he went or, if his stormy, ill-spent life then ended, to unfold the circumstances.

The only known and indisputable fact in the Morgan case, so far as Morgan was concerned, was that he disappeared. Over four years of inquiry and persecution, popular, political, legislative, clerical and judicial failed to demonstrate beyond all questions anything except that solitary fact. All the passions of the populace became aroused, all the flood-gates of that abuse, which, unfortunately, is so prevailing a feature of American political life, were thrown down, and Masonry became regarded as an accursed thing. The disappearance of Morgan and several co-relating details were eagerly seized by a number of political shysters, struggling for a cause and a cry, for place and perquisites, and made to serve their own paltry purposes.

It caused thousands of good honest men to be carried away by the outbreak of popular delusion based upon false information until they violated their oaths and joined madly in the hue and cry against the fraternity to which they had belonged, and to whom their allegiance was due. It separated families, it arrayed father against son, brother against brother and wife against husband, as well as estranging lifelong friends. It excommunicated from church, it debarred from civil or professional preferment; it denied even the poor favor of decent burial to those who failed to renounce the

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obligations they had voluntarily taken upon themselves to be good men and true, to support the laws and the government, to deal justly with all men as set forth in the Golden Rule, to practice charity, inculcate morality.

The whole Anti-Masonic crusade was in itself one of the most hideous which the force of popular delusion ever endowed with strength. It spared neither age nor character; a hero of the revolution, a warrior of 1812, a preacher of the gospel, a philanthropist, or a public-spirited citizen, their services and sacrifices were forgotten and they were besmirched in memory or in person by its senseless vaporings. It became a mighty political tornado,[1] sweeping everything in its narrow path before it, and then it passed away, leaving nothing behind it but wreck and ruin of friendship, loyalty, honor and reputation.

William Morgan, whose name has become somewhat familiar to students of American, Masonic and political history, according to Brown's "Narrative of the Anti-Masonic Excitement in the Western Part of the State of New York During the Years 1826–7–8," was a native of Virginia, and born in Culpepper County, in that state, in the year 1775–6. Of his early history little or nothing is known. It has been asserted entirely without proof or citation of authority, though probably more for effect than for anything else, that he was a captain in General Jackson's Army, and fought the

[1] *Cf.* "Miscellany of the Masonic Historical Society of the State of New York."

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distinguished himself at the battle of New Orleans, also that he belonged to a band of pirates, and was sentenced to be hanged, but pardoned upon condition of his entering that army. These statements, however, were merely prepared and circulated after his alleged abduction and neither of them are entitled to any credit in the absence of any record or proof to sustain them.

In October, 1819, at the age forty-three or forty-four, he married Lucinda Pendleton, of Richmond, Virginia, then in her sixteenth year.[2] In 1821 they removed to Canada, where he commenced the business of a brewer, near York, in the Upper Province. The destruction of his brewery afterwards by fire reduced him to poverty, and he removed to Rochester, New York, where he worked at his trade when he felt like it, and received occasionally some assistance from the Masonic fraternity. From thence he removed to Batavia, in the county of Genesee, and worked also at his trade, which was that of a mason, till his unfortunate disappearance in 1826. During the time of his residence in Batavia he was very intemperate in the use of liquor, with the result that he neglected his family to such an extent that they were frequently in actual want. Without the advantages of education in early life, he had subsequently acquired a competent knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic, and was a fairly accurate ac-

[2] "A Narrative of the Anti-Masonic Excitement in the Western part of the State of New York," by Henry Brown, Batavia, New York, 1829, p. 16.

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countant.[3] Had he controlled himself he could have maintained his family in comfort and enjoyed the respect and confidence of his friends and neighbors, but unfortunately he failed to do it, and his reputation in consequence was not good among those who knew him.

Just what effect this Anti-Masonic crusade had upon the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Jurisdiction thereto belonging, and the temporary blight it cast upon the Masonic Fraternity, will appear in the next chapter, which will also give the names of the brethren of Lodge No. 2, who weathered the storm in spite of public opinion, which was rampant during this period of bigotry, political agitation and persecution.

It is enough to say our fraternity behaved itself with great dignity while the subject of attack, as our R. W. G. M. Thomas Kittera said in answer to the Resolution of Grand Lodge in Sept. 1, 1829, "The prejudice which designing men are endeavoring to extend against us will be as short lived as it is bitter and unfounded."

A Society based upon the principles of Masonry has nothing to dread from the attacks. Let us but oppose their clamor with silence and their malevolence with abundant and the result will be such as rarely fail to attend the efforts of the Virtuous.

This as will subsequently appear was prophetic.

[3] *Cf.* "Masonic Light on the Abduction and Murder of William Morgan," by P. C. Huntington, New York, 1886.

Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. VI, p. 62. *Cf.* p. 61 for address.

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CHAPTER XXVI.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

January 14, 1828.

There being present 10 members, and 8 visitors.

A M. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form.

The Minutes of the last stated Meeting was read and adopted.

A Petition was received for Charity from Bro. Pearson.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past seven.

E. T. Weaver,
Secry.

Stated Meeting.

February 11, 1828.

There being present 14 Members.

Bro. H. Nichols was balloted for and duly approved.

The resignation of Bro. Lecompt was laid over.

Bros. Robert Davis, Joseph H. Helmbold and Jacob Reed, were passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past eight o'clock.

Emmor T. Weaver,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2.

March 10, 1828.

Members present 11.

Samuel K. Bartleton, and George D. Badger applies for initiation.

Bro. J. B. Haines was passed to the chair.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 8 o'clock.

E. T. WEAVER,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2.

April 14, 1828.

Members present 7.

On Motion Resolved that the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to furnish the brethren of this Lodge with Certificates to those members who may apply for the same.

Bro. Edward P. Lecompt's resignation was accepted.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 8 o'clock.

E. T. WEAVER,
Secry.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2.

Monday Evening, June 9, 1828.

Members present, 8.

An Entered Apprentice Masons Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock in the evening.

A resignation was received from Bro. S. Maley and

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on motion $2.00 was received in full for his dues and the resignation was laid over to next stated meeting.

E. T. Weaver,
Secretary.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Monday Evening, July 14, 1828.

Members present 7.

The resignation of Bro. Sellings was laid over to the next stated meeting.

Samuel K. Bartleton was balloted for and approved.

The resignation of Bro. Simon Maley was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

E. T. Weaver,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Monday Evening, August 11, 1828.

Members present 8.

The petition of Mr. Badger was withdrawn.

The resignation of Bro. John Sellings was accepted.

Samuel K. Bartleton received the first degree in masonry.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Emmor T. Weaver,
Secretary.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2.

Monday Evening, September 8, 1828.

Members present 14.

Mrs. Wile was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Samuel K. Bartleton was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

Mrs. Corgie and Price were relieved with the sum of Ten dollars.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secretary.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2.

Monday Evening, October 13, 1828.

Members present 9, and three visitors.

Bro. Bartleton was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secretary.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Monday Evening, November 10, 1828.

Members present 13.

Bro. Henry Nichols resignation was accepted.

Bro. J. James was notified at New York of his dues.

Dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

F. D. SANNO,
Secretary pro-tem.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Monday Evening, December 8, 1828.

Members present 25.

Mr. Wm. Way applies for initiation.

Bro. James H. Stewart's dues were remitted and his name stricken off the list of members.

Bro. Antrim was suspended for non-payment of dues.

On Motion, the secretary was directed to send a citation to Bro. Henry to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues.

This being election night the lodge was called off from labor to prepare tickets.

The Lodge was called on and the votes were counted and the following brethren were elected to serve for the masonic year. Bro. Burke, was elected master for the ensuing 12 months.

Bro. Cummings, Senior Warden.

Bro. Pryor, Junior Warden.

Bro. Weaver, Secretary.

Bro. Shuster, Treasurer.

The lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secretary.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Monday Evening, January 12, 1829.

Members present 15.

Bro. Amos was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

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The resignation of brother Marcena Davis was accepted.

Joseph S. Higbey applies for initiation.

The lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 8 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secretary.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

February 9, 1829.

Members present 13.

S. M. Cummings applies for initiation.

Joseph S. Higbey was balloted for and elected.

Bro. Lesher was relieved with aid from the charity committee.

Bro. Way was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

March 9, 1829.

Members present 12.

Wm. Atmore applies for initiation.

Bro. Benj. Oakford applies for the third degree.

The following petition was received and referred to

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the following committee, Bros. Weaver, Warr, and J. Pryor, to wit:—

"To the Worshipful Master, Officers & Members of No. 2.

"The petition of the subscriber, respectfully showeth that about 2 years ago he was initiated, and passed in said lodge and suspended for non-payment of dues and being desirous to be raised that he may get the 3rd degree, previous to leaving the country.

"Your petitioner is desirous that you will take such order as in your wisdom may think proper.

"Signed Benj. Oakford.
"no. 7 Union St. (Mariner)"

S. W. Cummings received the first degree in masonry.

The lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

E. T. Weaver,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

April 13, 1829.

Mr. Wm. Atmore received the first degree in masonry.

Ten dollars was given to Mr. M. Carey, chairman of the Committee, to give to the Public Committee for the relief of the poor.

Bro. Cummings was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

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The lodge closed in harmony at ½ past nine o'clock. Members present, 11.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

May 11, 1829.

Members present 13.

Mr. Joseph S. Higbee received the first degree in masonry.

Bro. Atmore was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

Bro. S. M. Cummings was raised to the sublime degree of a master mason.

The lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

E. T. WEAVER,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

June 8, 1829.

Members present 7, and two visitors.

The resignation of Bro. Reed was accepted.

A Petition from brethren of Morgantown was received and referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Burke, Weaver and Golder. (For subscription to build a Hall.)

Brother Atmore was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

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The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 9 o'clock.

JNO. GOLDER,
Secy. pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

July 13, 1829.

Members present 5.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 8 o'clock.

E. T. WEAVER,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

August 10, 1829.

Members present 8.

On motion, the committee on the Morgantown application for aid to build a Hall was continued.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 8 o'clock.

E. T. WEAVER,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

September 7, 1829.

Members present 12.

Mr. G. R. Lentz applies for initiation.

The Committee on the Morgantown application was discharged.

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A Handsome Balloting Box was presented as a donation to the Lodge by Bro. Sanno.

On motion, the thanks of the lodge be presented to Bro. Sanno for his liberal donation to the lodge and that Bro. Weaver be a committee to have the words Lodge No. 2 gilt thereon.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 O'clock.

E. T. Weaver,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

October 12, 1829.

Members present 11.

Mr. Lentz was balloted for and approved.

On motion, the secretary was directed to cite Bo. Jno. James for to show cause at our next stated meeting why his dues should not be paid.

The lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

E. T. Weaver,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

November 9, 1829.

Members present 10, and six visitors.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

E. T. Weaver,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

December 14, 1829.

Members present 23.

Bro. J. Dorsey was suspended for non-payment of dues.

Bro. Warr. placed a plate on the balloting box with the name engraved thereon, for which the thanks of the Lodge was presented to him.

Bro. Jno. Cook was relieved by the aid of the charity committee.

The committe on Elis Wright, Reported, He had deceased and that the committee had paid the money to his widow and was discharged.

On motion the lodge was called off for 5 minutes, the 5 minutes having expired the lodge was called on for the dispatch of business and on counting the votes, Bro. Pryor was declared duly elected Worshipful Master,

Bro. Martin, Senior Warden,

Bro. Simms, Junior Warden,

" Warr, Secretary,

" Oat, Treasurer.

The lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

EMMOR T. WEAVER,
Secretary of Lodge No. 2.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 11, 1830.

Members present, 17.

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Mrs. Pearson was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Mr. John Sterdevaut, Wm. Sappington and George McKeown applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 8 o'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 8, 1830.

Members present 18.

Mrs. Sarah Carvello was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Geo. McKeown received the first degree in masonry.

Jno. Sterdvaut and Wm. Sappington also received the first degree in masonry.

The resignations of Bros. Peter Shuster, Emmor T. Weaver, Nicholas Saring, Peter Hinckel, and Charles McClaskey were accepted.

Mr. Chas. Cook and Samuel Ashmead applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secretary.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 8, 1830.

Members present 18.

Mr. Samuel Ashmead and Chas. Cook received the first degree in masonry.

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Bros. Higbee, Sterdvaut, and Sappington were severally passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

The resignation of Bro. G. F. Hailer was accepted.

A Petition for Membership was read from Bro. Jacob Reed, and it was laid over.

Abraham Sink applies for initiation.

On motion Bro. Higbee was placed on half dues.

The Secretary was requested to notify the Grand Secretary of the resignation of the four Past Masters.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 12, 1830.

Members present 17.

Bros. Martin, Oat and Simms was appointed a Committee to procure a plate for printing notices of this Lodge.

Mr. Abraham Sink received the first degree in masonry.

Bro. Reed was balloted for and elected a member.

Bro. Ashmead was passed to the degree of a fellow craft Mason.

Bros. Way, Higbee and Sterdevaut were severally introduced and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 11 O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

New Hall, Philadelphia, May 10, 1830.

Members present 18.

A Bill of $20.00 was presented by the secretary for the cost of the plate on the notice.

Bro. Sink was passed to the degree of a fellow craft Mason.

Bro. Sappington was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Cook was passed to the degree of a fellow craft Mason.

Lydia Ryan was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Bro. Ashmead was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Secretary was directed to have 500 notices printed.

Bros. Burke, Oat and Martin was appointed a committee to inquire and report at the next Stated Meeting, the best manner of investing a part of the funds of this Lodge.

The Lodge closed in harmony at Eleven O'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy of No. 2.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

New Hall, Philadelphia, June 14, 1830.

Members present 13.

Bro. Anderson's resignation was read and accepted,

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on motion the Lodge recommended Bro. Anderson to the Grand Lodge for a Certificate.

Hannah P. Elliott was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

Bro. George McKeown was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

Bro. Abraham Sink was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at Ten O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secry.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

New Hall, Philadelphia, July 12, 1830.

Members present 9.

Henry Hertzberg was relieved by the aid of the Charity Committee.

Bros. John Golden, Henry Boraeff, Ezra T. Garrett, John Douglass, John James Sw. and Thomas W. Newlin were severally suspended for non-payment of dues.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at Ten O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2.

Philadelphia, August 9, 1830.

Members present 9.

The resignation of Bro. Peter J. Book was accepted.

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On Motion resolved, that Bro. Jesse R. Burden be credited with half dues during the time he was absent from the city.

The W. Master paid Five Dollars on account of the Grand Lodge Gas Certificate.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past Nine o'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 13, 1830.

Members present 11.

The W. Master paid Five Dollars, making a dividend of 50 per cent. on the G. L. Gas Certificate.

Mrs. Susan Taggart was relieved by the aid of the Charity committee.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past eight O'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, October 11, 1830.

Members present 17.

Bro. John Able was passed to the chair.

On motion Bro. Joseph S. Higbee was recommended for a Grand L. Certificate.

Bro. Charles Cook was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

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The Lodge closed in harmony at Nine O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 8, 1830.

Members present 10.

Bro. Geo. McKeown was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at Nine O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 13, 1830.

Members present 25.

David Woundersmith was made an entered Apprentice Mason.

As this was the night for electing officers, the lodge was called off from labor to refreshments, and the following brethren were elected to serve for the coming masonic year.

Bro. James S. Martin, Worshipful, Master.
" Samuel Ashmead, Senior Warden.
" Jacob Reed, Junior Warden.
" Wm. W. Warr, Secretary.
" Charles Oat, Treasurer.

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The resignations of Bros. Ephraim Hall and Wm. Cummings were accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past Nine O'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy. Lodge No. 2.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 10, 1831.

Members present 10.

The Officers were installed for the present year.

The Lodge closed in harmony, ¼ past 8 O'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 14, 1831.

Members present.

Bro. Patrick Flynn and Thomas McKeige were relieved with five dollars.

Mary Pearson was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 14, 1831.

Mr. John H. Stilley applies for initiation.

Joseph S. Higbee's resignation was laid over until next meeting.

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The Lodge closed in harmony at nine o'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 11, 1831.

Members present 7.

Mr. John H. Stilley received the first degree in masonry.

Bro. Thomas Stum was relieved with the sum of five dollars.

The resignation of Bro. Joseph S. Higbee was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at Nine O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 9, 1831.

Members present 8.

Bro. John H. Stilley was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past Nine O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 13, 1831.

Members present 7.

Two resignations was severally presented and read

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from Bros. Joseph W. Brown and Jacob Read and laid over.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past Nine O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 11, 1831.

Members present 7.

Mary Pearson was relieved with the sum of three dollars.

The W. M. stated that he was authorized to withdraw the resignation of Bro. Joseph W. Brown which on motion was granted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 9 o'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1831.

Members present 6.

Bro. Joseph Blackford was relieved with the necessary amount by the aid of the charity committee.

The resignation of Bro. Jacob Read was read and on motion it was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 12, 1831.

Members present 12.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 O'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, October 10, 1831.

Members present 8.

Mr. Robert C. Lippincott applies for initiation.

On motion a Committee was appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending to much of the 12th article of the By Laws as relates to the Salary of the Secretary to report at the next meeting, whereupon Bro. Burke, Pryor and Sink were appointed.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 14, 1831.

Members present 18, and 37 visitors.

The Committee appointed at the last Stated Meeting to inquire into the expediency of amending the 12th Art. of the By-Laws of this Lodge made the following report which on motion was adopted.

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To the W. M. Officers and Brethren of Lodge No. 2,

The Committee appointed to inquire if any alteration is necessary in Art. 12 of the By-Laws of this Lodge, beg leave to report:—

That, after having given the subject every consideration they are of the opinion that the present renumeration to the Secretary namely:—

Thirty five dollars per annum with exemption from dues is fixed at two high a rate, inasmuch, as it holds out an inducement for members to seek that office for pecuniary advantage. And believing that any office sought and held for the sake of emolument is subversive of the interest of the Lodge, the Committee would respectfully suggest to the Lodge the propriety of altering the compensation to the secretary to the sum of twelve dollars per annum with exemption from dues. This sum it is believed is a just and fair renumeration for the labour which he has to perform. The Committee have been aided in this estimate by the experience of the present secretary, and they are happy in having the present opportunity of rendering a tribute to his disinterestedness for his having served the Lodge in the capacity of Secretary for nearly two years without any renumeration. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed Rich. M. Burke, (Com.)
November 14, 1831. Daniel Pryor,
Abraham Sink.

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The following resolution was read and laid over on motion agreeably to the By-Laws.

Resolved that Art. 12th of the By-Laws of this Lodge be altered to read in the following manner.

Art. 12th.

The Secretary and Tyler shall be compensated in manner following, viz.:— for the faithful performance of his duties, the Secretary shall receive twelve dollars per annum, payable quarterly and be exempt from dues. The Tyler shall receive for his attendance on each meeting, One Dollar and fifty cents & for every initiation One Dollar.

Mr. Robert C. Lippincott withdraw his petition.

The R. W. G. Master and his Officers paid a visit to the Lodge.

Bro. Samuel H. Thomas, Grand Secretary, examined the Minutes of the Lodge and reported that they were very neatly and correctly transcribed.

The Lodge closed in harmony at Nine O'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 12, 1831.

Members present 15.

The Amendment to the 12th Article of the By-Laws was read and on motion was adopted.

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Bros. George Kemble and Samuel Hymas was relieved by the aid of the Charity Committee.

This being the night for election, the lodge was called off from labor to refreshments, and the following brethren were elected to serve for the coming masonic year.

Bro. Samuel Ashmead, Worshipful Master.
" Charles Oat, Senior Warden.
" William W. Warr, Junior Warden.
" Richard M. Burke, Secretary.
" Joseph Burden, Treasurer.

The Secretary informed the Lodge that he did not intend to accept any remuneration for his services as secretary for the last two years and asked the lodge to place the amount of his salary in the Funds of the Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Burke, the Lodge passed a vote of thanks to the secretary.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past Nine o'clock

attest,

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy.

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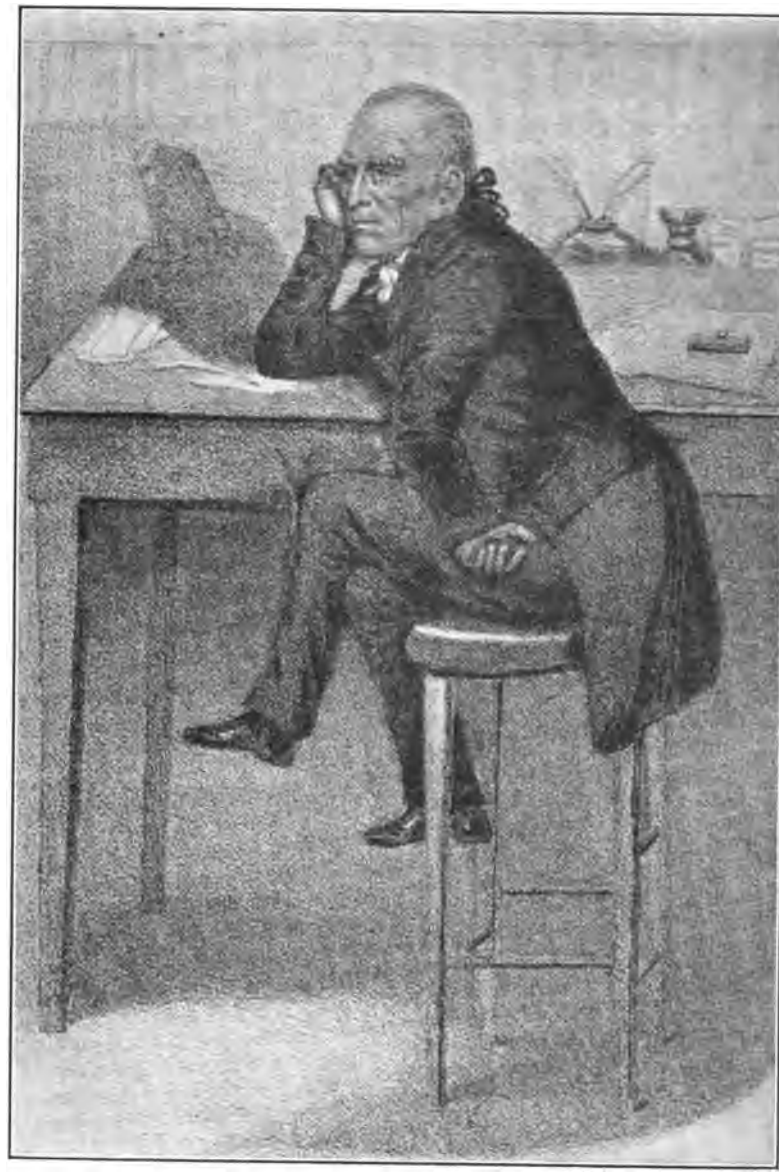

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CHAPTER XXVII

Stephen Girard and his Legacy, 1832–1835

THE beginning of the year 1832 was an eventful period in the history of our Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the financial difficulties under which the Grand Lodge labored, owing chiefly to the political anti-Masonic crusade in the State, and partly to the remissness of such subordinate lodges, as had not thus far succumbed under the political excitement against Freemasonry, in paying up their arrearages.

At the Extra Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held Monday February 20, 1832, the following Communication from the Executors of our late Brother Stephen Girard was received accompanied by an official copy of his will.

"The Undersigned Executors of the last will of Stephen Girard late of the City of Philadelphia, de-

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ceased, respectfully present this official copy of that will to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

TIMOTHY PAXSON,
THOS. P. COPE,
JOSEPH ROBERTS,
W. J. DUANE,
JOHN A. BARCLAY."

Philadelphia,
February 17th, 1832,
2d month 17.

And on motion and seconded, It was ordered That the said official copy of the last will of our deceased Brother Stephen Girard be appropriately bound and filed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

This Official Copy signed by the executors is still in the Archives of the Grand Lodge and can be seen by application to the Librarian.[1]

After this presentation, the R. W. Grand Master then directed the Grand Secretary to report to the Grand Lodge the proceedings that had taken place relative to the funeral of our late brother Stephen Girard.

Whereupon, The Grand Secretary made the following Report.

That our worthy Brother Stephen Girard died on the 26th day of December last, and on the 28th of the same month the following general invitation to his funeral appeared in the publick prints of this city.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1831.

The funeral of the late Mr. Stephen Girard, will proceed from his late residence, North Water street, to the burial

[1] Vol. 9146, B 3, G 5.

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ground of the Holy Trinity church, N. W. corner of Spruce and Sixth Streets, at 10 o'clock on Friday forenoon, December 30.

The Trustees of the bank of Stephen Girard, are requested to meet, and proceed together, as mourners, next after the relatives of the deceased.

An invitation is respectfully given to the public bodies, institutions and societies, hereinafter named, to proceed to the funeral in the following order.

The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and the Select and Common Councils, with their officers.

The Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and of the subordinate Lodges.

The officers and members of the Society for the relief of distressed masters of ships, and their widows.

The officers of and contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

The Comptrollers, Directors, and others, of the Public Schools.

The officers and members of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

The officers and members of the Orphan Asylum.

The officers and members of the Societe de Bienfaisance, Francaise.

The officers and members of the Fuel Savings Society.

Other benevolent Societies are respectfully invited and requested to proceed next after the Fuel Savings Society.

In a community, in which Mr. Girard was so universally known as he was useful, it is not practicable to give special invitations to individuals—nor is it supposed, that invitations will have been expected. All those who knew Mr. Girard per-

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sonally or by reputation, and who revere his example and memory, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral.

Dec. 28th, 1831.

As it is customary to protract the time fixed for funerals for an hour beyond that designated. In the present instance the procession will positively move at 11: o'clock.

The procession will move up Water Street to Arch, up Arch Street to Sixth, down Sixth Street to the place of interment, at the corner of Spruce and Sixth Streets.

This programme was exactly carried out.

And on the same day the following letter was received from Brother William J. Duane one of the Executors.

To JOHN M. READ, Esquire, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Respected Brother,

As one of those who are authorized to attend to the interment of the body of our lately deceased and highly esteemed brother Stephen Girard, I pray you to make known to the Right Worshipful the grand officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and to the officers and members of the subordinate Lodges within the City of Philadelphia, that they are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of their deceased brother from his late residence, North Water street at 10 o'clock on Friday next.

With the utmost respect,

Your brother and friend,

W. J. DUANE.

December 28th, 1831.

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And on the same day the following notice was issued by order of the R. W. Grand Master and published in the newspapers of this City on the 29th and 30th December last.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

December 28th, 1831.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and of the subordinate Lodges, having been specially invited to attend the funeral of our late worthy and distinguished brother Stephen Girard, Esquire. The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge and the officers and members of the Lodges within this jurisdiction are particularly requested to meet at the saloon of The Masonic Hall in Chestnut street on Friday morning, the 30th inst. at half past nine o'clock precisely and to proceed thence to the funeral.

By order of the R. W. Grand Master.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

In pursuance of the said notice Three hundred and ninety six Members of the Fraternity assembled at the Masonick Hall and proceeded from thence to the funeral and after the body was interred returned to the Hall, and after an appropriate address from the R. W. Grand Master and an elegant prayer from the Reverend Bro. Plummer, Grand Chaplain, were dismissed.

In attending this funeral the Masonic Fraternity labored under serious disadvantages, first, by the cloud cast over them by the political anti-Masonic excitement which was then at its highest. Secondly by the fact

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that the Services were to be held in the German Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity at the northwest corner of Sixth and Spruce streets and the interment in a vault adjourning the church.

When the procession arrived at the church which had been draped in mourning for the occasion considerable excitement arose between the church authorities and the mourners when the Grand Lodge and brethren attempted to enter the church. To avoid any undue criticism the brethren were without Aprons or any regalia, the officers mostly wearing their Collars and Jewels. Just what took place within the Church is not known to a certainty, except that when the procession entered the yard, the Catholic Clergy left the church, therefore the funeral services of the Catholic Church were not performed. The Brethren after waiting some time took the body out of the church and placed it in a vault on the North side of the church, according to the wishes of the deceased.

The following account of the affair is taken from the History of the Holy Trinity Parish by Rev. Francis J. Hertkorn, Phila., 1914, p. 86, viz: —

It is said that when Girard was found to be dying, his sister asked him if he would not see a priest. He assented, but before the pastor arrived, Girard was dead. Then the sister prevailed upon Bishop Kenrick to attend the funeral and, as the dying man's assent to a priestly visit was regarded as evidence of his inten-

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tion to be reconciled to the Church in which he had been baptised, the Bishop consented and the body was admitted into the church. The entry in Bishop Kenrick's[2] diary of this date speaks for itself: "The body of Stephen Girard was brought with much funeral pomp, attended by many Free Masons marching in procession in scarfs and ornaments, as a tribute of respect to their deceased companion, to the church of the Holy Trinity. When, therefore, I saw these enter the Church to have funeral rites gone through, no priest assisting, I ordered the body taken away for burial. I allowed it to have christian burial for the potent reason that the deceased was baptised in the church and never left it, and when death came his illness was such that he did not perceive its approach."

Following is an interesting account of the funeral published in the *United States Gazette*[3] a few days after the funeral, viz:—

"The Funeral of Mr. Stephen Girard took place yesterday morning, at the hour indicated in the programme published in the papers. The Hearse was preceded by the police of the City, and the whole of the City Watch walked beside the mourning carriages with broad blue ribbons on their breast marked *'City Watch.'* Next to the mourners on foot, were the Mayor and Recorder of the City, with broad mode hat weepers[4] and scarfs.

[2] Francis Patrick Kenrick, third Bishop of Philadelphia.

[3] December 31, 1831.

[4] Hat-weepers—bands of bombazine around the hat with long ends.

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"The Aldermen and City Councils succeeded, and then a Society of which the deceased was a member.[5] This was succeeded by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania and the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges. The Officers wore their Collars and Jewels, but not their Aprons. These were succeeded by various Societies, constituting, perhaps the largest funeral procession ever seen in this City, and the streets from the commencement to the termination of the procession, were thronged with immense numbers of all ages and both sexes. The windows of the houses in the streets leading to the church were closed, out of respect, during the passage of the procession.

"The remains were conveyed in a richly decorated coffin,[6] covered with black cloth, with silver trappings on an open hearse, to the Holy Trinity Church, northwest corner of Sixth and Spruce Street. No church ritual was performed in the church nor at the grave, where the body was silently deposited in the vault."

After the Grand Secretary finished reading his report of the Funeral of Girard at the Extra Grand Communication held February 20, 1832.

The Bequest to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

[5] The Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.

[6] The Body of Bro. Girard was first placed in a lead coffin which was sealed or soldered. This was then placed in the coffin made by C. B. Comby at a cost of $150.00. The total expense of the funeral expenses amounted to $2,590.76. The chief item was $1,371.90 for crape in decorating the church.

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GIRARD'S DWELLING AND COUNTING HOUSE IN 1831.

NORTH WATER STREET ABOVE MARKET.

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contained in the will so presented by the Executors of our late Brother Stephen Girard was read as follows:

"VII. I give and bequeath to the gentlemen who shall be Trustees of the Masonic Loan at the time of my decease the sum of Twenty-Thousand Dollars,[7] including therein ten thousand and nine hundred dollars, due to me, part of the masonic Loan, and any interest that may be due thereon at the time of my decease, in trust for the use and benefits of "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereto belonging" and to be paid over by the said Trustees to the said Grand Lodge, for the purposes of being invested in some safe stock or funds or other good security and the dividends and interest arising therefrom to be again so invested and added to the Capital, without applying any part thereof to any other purpose, until the whole capital shall amount to Thirty thousand Dollars, when the same shall forever after remain a permanent fund or capital of the said Amount of Thirty thousand Dollars, the interest whereof shall be applied from time to time to the relief of poor and respectable brethren, and in order that the real and benevolent purposes of masonic institutions may be attained. I recommend to the several lodges not to admit to membership or to receive members from other lodges unless the applicants shall absolutely be men of sound and good morals."

[7] This bequest at the present time amounts approximately to about $90,000.

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When on motion of Bro. James Harper, R. W. Past Grand Master, and seconded by Bro. John Steele, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the following Preamble and Resolutions were Unanimously Adopted:

Whereas, our late worthy and distinguished Brother Stephen Girard, has by his Last Will made a highly liberal and benevolent bequest to The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of establishing a permanent fund for the diffusion of Masonick Charity,

And Whereas, it is incumbent on this Grand Lodge in accepting the trust thus reposed in them to express the deep sense of gratitude which they feel towards so noble a benefactor of their "poor and respectable brethren" and at the same time to call the attention of the Order to the Wise and excellent advice contained in the Legacy of our departed Brother,

Therefore Resolved, That "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and masonick jurisdiction thereunto belonging" Do accept with feelings of the deepest gratitude the munificent bequest of Twenty Thousand Dollars of our late worthy and excellent Brother Stephen Girard Do hereby erect the same into a permanent fund forever to be called "The Stephen Girard Charity Fund" and to be managed in the manner set forth in his said will and applied to the purposes therein mentioned.

Resolved, That the wise and liberal conduct of our late Brother towards the Masonick order during the whole period of his long and valuable life, This devo-

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tion to the fraternity, His noble bequests and the parting words of advice and admonition contained in this last solemn declaration of his opinion, entitle him to the grateful recollection not only of every mason but of every true lover of his fellow-men.

Resolved, That the advice of our Brother expressed in his said will as follows:

"And in order that the real and benevolent purposes of masonick institutions may be attained, I recommend to the several lodges not to admit to membership or to receive members from other lodges unless the applicants shall be absolutely men of sound and good morals," is in strict conformity with the principles and constitutions of our ancient order, and being also the opinion of a wise and experienced Brother, is most earnestly recommended to the different lodges for their guidance and government.

Resolved, That as a testimonial of our great respect for the memory of our deceased brother the jewels, hangings and other furniture of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be placed in mourning for the space of six months.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing proceedings be communicated by the Grand Secretary to the Executors of our deceased brother.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the communication of the executors of Bro. Girard and the preamble and resolutions

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adopted this evening be published in the publick newspapers of this City.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to append to the annual publication of the proceedings for the past year so much of the proceedings of the present year as relates to the funeral and bequest of Bro. Girard.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That so much of the will of Bro. Girard as contains the legacy to this Grand Lodge be copied and appropriately framed and hung up in a conspicuous part of the Grand Lodge Room.[7a]

Expenses of the Funeral

Funeral expenses of Stephen Girard. Extracted from the Executor's accounts filed in the Office of Register of Wills.

Mary Kenton. Mourning bonnets for Hannah.....	4.00
Sexton's fees. Internment of the remains of S. Girard.	37.50
Mourning bonnets for Mrs Kelsey and Mrs Taylor...	6.27
A. O'Neal. Labor for preparing tomb of S. Girard..	20.00
L. A. Sexton, Mourning Suit for Charles Simpson...	38.00
F. M. Drexel. For bill crape used at Trinity Church.	119.24
J. Anderson. City watchman for Mourning Suit for funeral	42.50

[7a] Framed Copy now in Grand Lodge Library.

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Expenses of the Funeral

L. W. Mirlin city watchman for Mourning Suit for funeral	40.00
I. Leatherman city watchman for Mourning Suit for funeral	40.00
H. McCormick city watchman for Mourning Suit for funeral	43.50
J. Plaider. Putting up crape in Trinity Church	5.00
C. B. Comby. Making coffin for the remains	150.00
Mrs. Biddle. Laying out the body and attendance	40.00
Lucy Clement. Nursing the late S. Girard	10.00
W. Curran. Hearse and carriage hire	66.00
E. Drummond. Mourning for Mrs Taylor and Mrs Kelsey	32.50
B. Cross. Extra Service at S. Girard's funeral	25.00
Charles Cany. Dry Goods furnished at the funeral.	1,371.90
Mourning bonnets for Mrs Clarke Mrs Haslam and Caroline Lathurand	24.00
B. Amors. for wax candles used at funeral	6.12
Gummey & Auners, for Silk hose used at funeral	15.00
	2,136.53
R. Looney, Lead coffin for the body of S. Girard	50.00
John Struthers for tombstone	50.00
	2,236.53

Dr Physick for Surgical attendance	300.00
Dr. Rudolph " " "	164.00
Dr Mitchell for Medical attendance	10.00

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AS to the Masonic affiliation of Brother Stephen Girard there has been up to the present investigation more or less uncertainty. It will be noted that in none of the records or notices of the Grand Lodge, or the Annual returns of members of Lodge No. 3, does the name of Brother Stephen Girard appear as a member of that Lodge. The claim that he was a Member of Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia was erroneously based upon the following Entries in the old Minute Book of Royal Arch Lodge No. 3, in the Archives of the Grand Lodge (Mss., Volume 116).

TRANSACTIONS.

September 3d, 1778.

"Col Mathew Smith and Capt. Girard were duely "Ballotted for, Unanimously approved of, Initiated, "and accordingly paid their Lodge dues Twenty "Dollars each into the hands of the Treasurer—— "£15..0..0

"Lodge Closed at 10 o'clock.

October 1, 1778

"Br. Girard pass'd a fellow-craft.

November 5, 1778.

"Brs. Naggle and Girard are appointed to inspect "his character (Mr Anthony Wildow) and make re- "port accordingly.

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November 23, 1778

"Brs. Col. McVaugh, Capt. Calhoon, Col John Kep-
"ple & Capt. Girard were rais'd.

There is no entry as to when or by whom this "Capt. Girard" was proposed nor does the name of "Capt. Girard" or "Stephen Girard" appear in any subsequent Minutes of the lodge, nor upon any of the yearly lists of Members of Lodge No. 3 sent to the Grand Lodge.

The matter is further complicated by the fact that Stephen Girard was not a resident of Philadelphia at that time. From 1776 to 1779 Stephen Girard lived with his wife at Mount Holly in New Jersey, occupied in his humble business of bottler and village storekeeper.

In addition to the above our Stephen Girard was physically disqualified from becoming a member of the Masonic Fraternity under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on account of not being sound in all his members, Girard lacking his right eye.

Then again there was a "Captain" Girard in the Revolutionary Army at that time, and by a strange coincidence the first name of this "Captain" Girard is also missing on the official list of Revolutionary Officers, as published by Heitman in 1914; same as that of the "Capt" Girard in the Minutes and Records of Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia. It will be noted in the extracts from the Minutes of Lodge No. 3, as above

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quoted, that the other three Candidates raised on the night of November 23, 1778, were Revolutionary Officers.

In the original subscription list to the New Hall on Chestnut Street, dedicated in 1811, there appears under date of

Paid, "*August 1, 1809, Stephen Girard, One Hundred Dollars, ($100)*

Below this entry is written "No. 3"; this, however, is in a different hand and ink, and was interpolated in later years.[8]

In April, 1809, the building of the new hall on Chestnut Street was begun; in its progress the Grand Lodge enlarged considerably in the original plan, subsequently

[8] The following note appears upon the fly leaf of the third Minute book of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, January 16, 1844, written 13 years after death of Girard.

PRESENTED

TO

LODGE NO 3

BY

BRO. THOMAS DE SILVER P.M.

A MEMBER OF THIS LODGE FOR 35 YEARS

in manifestation of the high regard in which he holds the Lodge, of which his Father (Robert Desilver) was a member, and into which his Venerable Sire introduced the late Bro. Stephen Girard.

Gratitude a Masonic Virtue

WILLIAM M. MARTIN

Secry Pro tempore

[No record of such introduction, however, appears upon the Minutes of Lodge No. 3.]

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THE GHOST of a DOLLAR or the BANKERS SURPRIZE

THE "CHARLES" CARICATURE OF STEPHEN GIRARD THE GREAT BANKER.

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it appeared that the expenditure would be much more than subscribed, and would greatly exceed the funds of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge, therefore, determined that an additional loan of $40,000 should be raised, and that the subscription books be opened at the Merchants Coffee House in Second Street; after twelve days notice having been given, in five of the daily papers, published in Philadelphia, from the 18th of November to the first of December, 1809.[9]

Under this resolution, a set of commissioners was appointed for receiving the subscriptions of which Stephen Girard was appointed one of the commissioners,[10] to act in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Officers. At the meeting of the commissioners held November 30, 1809, a letter was received from Stephen Girard, mentioning that he is extremely sorry that an arbitration in which he is engaged puts it out of his power to attend at this meeting of the commissioners.

On Friday, December 1, 1809, at ten o'clock the subscription was opened and the whole sum of forty thousand dollars, being the amount of the loan, was subscribed before twelve o'clock as follows, viz.:

79 persons subscribed 5 shares each is	395 shares
1 person subscribed	4
1 person subscribed	1
Total	400 shares

[9] Vol. B, Folio 72.

[10] This is the first mention of Stephen Girard in the records of the Grand Lodge that have thus far been found. *Vide* Archives of Grand Lodge, Vol. 10360, 1809, p. 4.

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The payments made were as follows to wit:

184 Shares paid in full ..... a	$100,	$18400
50 Shares paid 1st & 2nd Instalments ..	50,	2500
166 Shares paid 1st Instalment	25,	4150
		$25050

Amounting in the whole to twenty-five thousand and fifty dollars, which was received by the Grand Treasurer, Samuel F. Bradford, in behalf of the Grand Lodge.

After which a Board of Trustees were elected by the Stockholders in place of the Commissioners, among whom was Stephen Girard. Stephen Girard was re-elected on this Board of Trustees for every consecutive year until his death.[11]

At the beginning of the year 1813, it was found that the Funds of Grand Lodge, provided for the erection of the new hall, proved insufficient for the purpose, and a sum of five thousand dollars was wanting to discharge all the debts owing, and to be incurred for the entire completion of the said building and its appurtenances.

It was resolved to borrow the further sum of $5,000 in shares of $100 each, and the Grand Secretary submit a copy of the foregoing proceedings to the different Lodges.

Under the above authority a book for subscriptions was opened at the office of the Grand Secretary and the following appears therein, to wit:[12]

[11] *Vide* "Minutes of the Trustees of the Masonic Loan," pp. 1–3.
[12] *Vide* Mss. Vol. 7335, No. 39, p. 204.

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"I do hereby Subscribe for the whole"
"of the before mentioned Loan of Five Thousand"
"Dollars to the G. L. of Penna upon the terms"
"and conditions in the foregoing Resolutions"
"expressed declared and set forth,"

Signed STEPHEN GIRARD.

AT a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loans held December 26, 1820, the Grand Secretary reported that the funds of the Grand Lodge having proved insufficient to rebuild the Masonic Hall, which had been destroyed by Fire, March 9, 1819, the Grand Lodge by resolutions passed on the 5th day of June and 16th day of October last, authorised the borrowing on Loan of the Sum of Twenty-Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of completing the same, for which Certificates of One Hundred Dollars each, were to be issued to the Stockholders, repayable after the year 1840 with interest at six per cent. per annum payable half year.[13]

There is a tradition current in the family of late Bro. Wm. H. Adams,[14] Grand Secretary, "That after

[13] Minutes of the Trustees of the Masonic Loan, p. 98.

[14] Brother William H. Davidson, Lodge No. 114, grand nephew of Brother William H. Adams, Grand Secretary, 1843–1866, states that as a young man he heard it stated that after the destruction of the Chestnut Street Hall, Stephen Girard was appealed to for subscription, and he offered to subscribe $20,000, providing that the hall be rebuilt without the tower.

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the destruction of the Chestnut Street Hall in 1819, Stephen Girard was appealed to for a subscription, and he offered to subscribe $20,000.00 of the loan providing that the Hall be rebuilt without a tower, as that was a useless expenditure.

No documentary evidence of this fact, however, has thus far been found; as a matter of fact the Hall, however, was rebuilt without the ornamental spire.

In October, 1787, Stephen Girard sailed for Charleston, South Carolina, where he remained until July, 1788.[15] It was during his sojourn there that he was made a Mason on January 28, 1788, in Union Blue Lodge, No. 8; this is shown by his Masonic Certificate among the papers of Stephen Girard in possession of the Directors of City Trusts, Philadelphia, by act of June 30, 1869, of which the following is a Copy,[16] viz.:

HEALTH STABILITY AND POWER

To all Ancient Brethren,
of the Two Hemispheres,
Wheresower Dispersed.

"We do hereby Certify & Declare that,
"the Bearer hereof, Brother *STEPHEN GIRARD*
"late of the City, of Philadelphia, State of Pennsyl-
"vania Merchant, has been by us, Regularly En-
"tered, Passed and Raised to the Degree of a *Master*
"Mason in the Union Blue Lodge No. 8 under the

[15] "Life and Character of Stephen Girard," by H. A. Ingram, Philadelphia, 1886, p. 51.

[16] No. 5363. Copy in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

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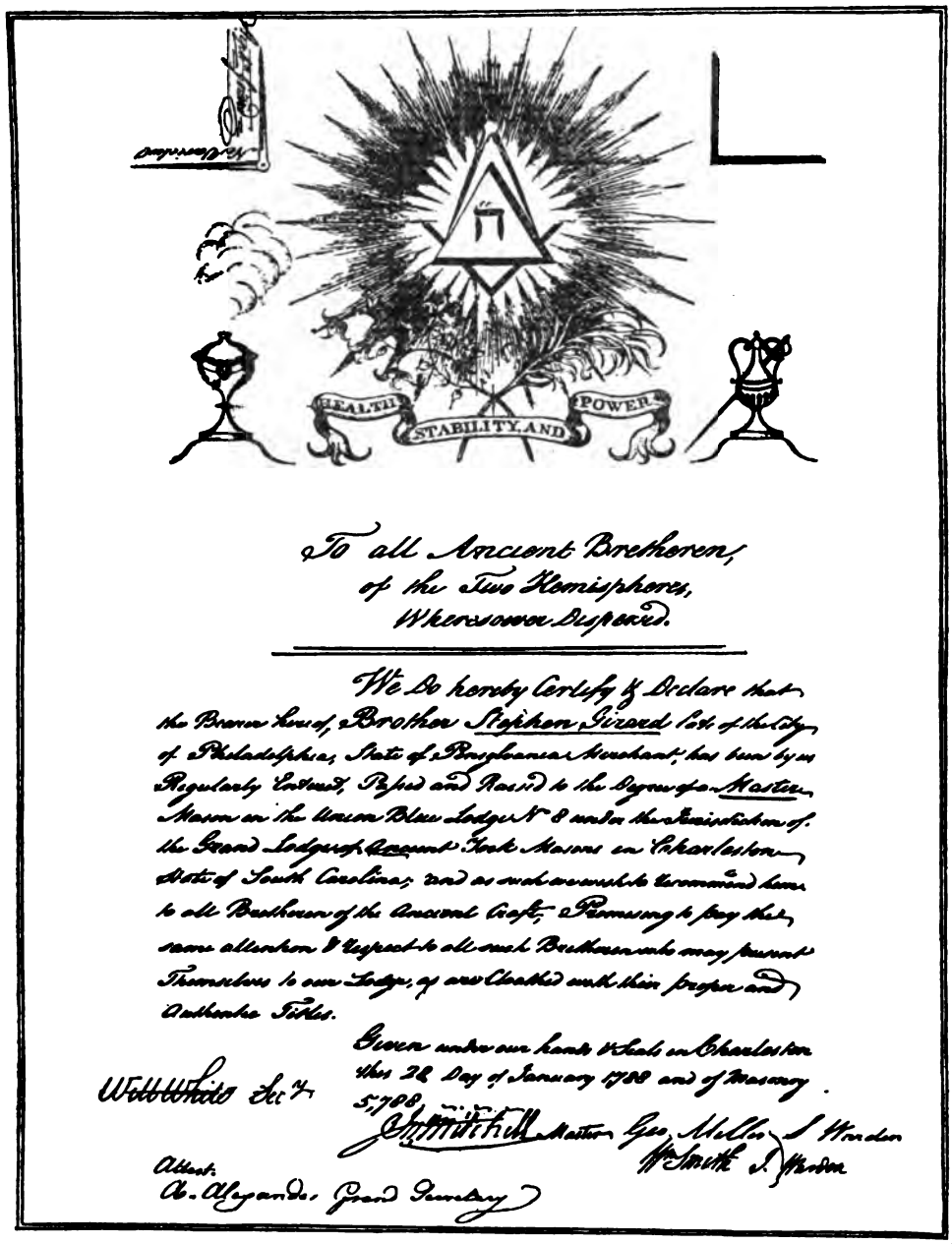

COPY OF BROTHER STEPHEN GIRARD'S MASONIC CERTIFICATE, with the Vize of Lodge No. 73 on back. Original among the Girard Papers in possession of the Board of City Trusts. (Seen and examined by the writer. J. F. S.)

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"Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York
"Masons in Charleston State of South Carolina;
"and as such we wish to Recommend him to all
"Brethren of the Ancient Craft; Promising to pay
"the same attention & respect to all such Brethren
"who may present Themselves to our Lodge as are
"Cloathed with their proper and Authentic Titles.
Given under our hands & Seals in Charleston
this 28th Day of January 1788 and of masonry

WILL WHITE, Sec'y 5,788.

J. M. MITCHELL, *Master*, GEO. MILLER, *S. Warden*
WM. SMITH, *J. Warden*

Attest

A. Alexander, Grand Secretary.[17]

This Certificate bears his signature, Steph^n Girard,
Ne Varietur.

STEPHEN GIRARD was a more or less eccentric character and on account of his prominence and wealth during his later years does not appear to have affiliated, so far as known, with any of the social or fraternal organizations in Philadelphia; he was not a member of the French Benevolent Society, nor does his name appear in the records of the "La Loge Fran-

[17] Union Lodge, No. 8, Charleston. This Lodge was under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, at the time of the Union in 1817. In 1825 it was incorporated with Washington Lodge, No. 7, and formed the present Washington Lodge No. 5. No. 8 has not since been filled up.

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caise L'Amenite," No. 73, the two leading French charitable organizations in the city during the latter part of the eighteenth and first quarter of the nineteenth century.

The only record of Stephen Girard ever having visited a Philadelphia or Pennsylvania Lodge is shown by the endorsement on the back of his Masonic Certificate which shows that he visited the French Lodge L'Amenity, No. 73, in Philadelphia, shortly after his return from his voyage, viz.:

"By the Respectable Loge Francaise de la Amenite No. 73, of the Orient of Philadelphia the 5th day of the 5 month in the year of light 5798

By order of the L..R..L.."

FOUCHER,[18]

Many were the unfounded reports connecting Girard with the Masonic Fraternity, current at the time of his death, and after his will was published, particularly the claim that he was a member of Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia. Thus his biographer, Stephen Simpson, in his book published in 1832, states that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "walked in solemn procession, and full form to the chapel, as mourners for their *Grand Treasurer,* and liberal patron."

[18] Stanislas Foucher was the secretary of Lodge No. 73.

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FULL LENGTH PORTRAIT OF GEN. WASHINGTON.

IN THE CORRIDOR HALL, MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

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Washington Centennial

ANOTHER event at the beginning of the year 1832 of interest to the Fraternity, was the proposed celebration of the Centennial of the birth of Bro. George Washington, February 22, 1832.

At an Extra Grand Communication held Friday, February 10, 1832, the following Communication was read:—

Sir,

The Committee of arrangement appointed by the citizens of the City and County of Philadelphia, respectfully request, the participation of yourself and the Grand and subordinate lodges of the State of Pennsylvania, in the celebration contemplated on the 22d of February.

By order and on behalf of the Committee.

H. D. Gilpin,
Chairman.

Philadelphia, 7 February, 1832.

To

Michael Nisbet, Esq.,
Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, motion made and seconded, it was, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on behalf of themselves and the Lodges within this jurisdiction respectfully decline the kind invitation which has been just read, and that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to communicate the same in an appropriate let-

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ter to the Chairman of the Committee of arrangement.

The following Resolution was submitted by Bro. N. Nathans and seconded.

Resolved, that the front of the Masonick Hall be illuminated on the night of the 22d instant, provided the Public Buildings in Chestnut Street are.

Which resolution being under consideration, It was moved by Bro. Perkins and seconded, to amend the same by striking out all that follows the word "Resolved" and inserting the following "That Military Committee be allowed to illuminate the front of the Hall on the night of 22 February."

Which being under consideration, It was moved and seconded to postpone the further consideration of the amendment together with the original resolution until the third Monday in February instant which was agreed to.

At an Adjourned Extra Grand Communication held February 20, 1832, following action was taken in reference to the proposed Centennial Celebration on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd.

The Resolution offered by Bro. Nathans relative to the illumination of the Hall on the 22nd instant, together with the amendment of Bro. Perkins, the consideration of which was postponed until this evening was called up and on motion and seconded the same were postponed indefinitely.

This celebration and procession, in which unfor-

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Dear Gentlemen

I Have Received with the Most
Manufactured on a Car of the trade
22d February. To a fellow citizen, pa
this Specimen of professional perfecti
Have been, at all times, a Highly Well
which Your Attention Has from the
on an old Continental Soldier, His ad
merit of which I am fully Sensible.
for the Sentiments You Have So kind
to all of You, Gentlemen, a Most obliga

Peter Parker by Chairman of the Hatters Comm

LETTER FROM BRO. GE

IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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La grange July 14th 1832

Affectionate Gratitude the fine Hat
t the Great Anniversary procession of the
icularly devoted to the City of Philadelphia,
n, Affected By You, Gentlemen, would
ome present. But the Choice of the day on
rether of the Country and Army descended
nted Son, Bestows on the Gift an Additional
Be pleased to Accept my Respectful thanks
ly expressed, and Believe me for ever

d and Affectionate friend Lafayette

tee Philadelphia

NERAL LAFAYETTE.

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tunately the Masonic Fraternity did not participate as an organization on account of the rampant feeling then existing in the community against Freemasonry, consisted of one of the greatest and most imposing processions both civil and military thus far seen in this country.

One of the features of this celebration were the Hatters who bore the banner of St. Clement, and had cars displaying skins of the various animals used in the business, with a full working hatters shop, bows, and felting apparatus, kettles, with hatters at work making hats; during the procession they made a hat out and out in the street, which was intended to be presented to Gen. Lafayette.

The hat made for Gen. Lafayette was presented to him and his autograph letter of thanks for same is now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge: viz:—

La Grange July 14th 1832

Dear Gentlemen,

I have received with the most affectionate gratitude the fine Hat manufactured on a car of the trade at the great Anniversary procession of the 22d February, to a fellow citizen, particularly devoted to the city of Philadelphia. This specimen of professional perfection, presented by you, gentlemen, would have been at all times, a highly welcome But the choice of the day on which your attention has from the Father of the Country and Army descended on an Old Continental Soldier, this adopted Son, bestows on the gift an additional merit of which I am fully sensible. Be pleased to accept my

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respectful thanks for the sentiments you have so kindly expressed and believe me for ever to all of you gentlemen,

A Most Obliged and Affectionate friend,

LAFAYETTE

Peter Parker[esq.], Chairman of the Hatters Committee, Philadelphia.

The celebration closed with a Grand Military Ball held in the Main Salon of the Masonic Hall, in which as stated in the papers of the following day.

"A very numerous company joined to conclude their portion of the festivities of the day."

One of the official silk badges worn in this procession is in the Museum of the Grand Lodge.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 9, 1832.

Members present 7 and one visitor.

Bro. Luigi Genouhis was relieved with the sum of Three Dollars from the Charity Committee.

The Secretary was directed to enter on the minutes that the Lodge had publicly attended the funeral of the late Stephen Girard.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 7 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 13, 1832.

Members present 13.

Wm. Ashmead applies for initiation.

A charge of unmasonic conduct against Bro. Wm. Sappington was preferred by Bros. Warr and Burke.

Bros. John Simms, Henry Boraeff, George Berriman and Samuel K. Bartleton were severally suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 12, 1832.

Members present 10, and 15 visitors.

Wm. Ashmead received the first degree in Masonry.

Rufus Welch was entered, Passed and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Bro. E. Hall and Wm. Cummings formerly members of this Lodge applies for membership.

The Committee in the case of Wm. Sappington made the following report.

To the W. M. Officers and &c. of Lodge No. 2.

The Committee appointed in the case of Bro. Wm. Sappington beg leave to report, that they met at Bro. Lambert Keating's March 9th, 1832. The charge be-

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fore them was unmasonic conduct Specification Habitual intoxication, which was fully proved by the evidence of Bros. Wm. W. Warr, and Rich. M. Burke. Bro. Sappington being present admitted the fact and plead misfortune in extenuation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Daniel Pryor,
Charles Oat.

March 12th, 1832.

The report was accepted and the committee were discharged. On Motion, Bro. Sappington was expelled for unmasonic conduct. A Petition from Rufus Welch for membership was presented.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Rich. M. Burke,
Secy.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 9, 1832.

Members present 13, and four visitors.

Bros. E. Hall, Wm. Cummings and Rufus Welch were severally introduced and elected members of this Lodge.

Bro. Wm. Ashmead was passed to the degree of a fellow-craft Mason.

Bro. I. H. Stilley was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Rich. M. Burke,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 14, 1832.

Members present 8 and four visitors.

Bro. William Ashmead was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 9 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 11, 1832.

Members present 6 and one visitor.

Eli Heald applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 9, 1832.

Members present 8.

Eli Heald received the first degree in masonry.

Mrs. Mary Pierson was relieved with the sum of Three dollars by the Charity Committee.

The Lodge closed in harmony at Nine O'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 13, 1832.

Members present 3, and 3 visitors.

Bro. Eli Heald was passed to the degree of a fellow-craft Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 10, 1832.

Members present 7 and 3 visitors.

Bro. Eli Heald was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, October 8, 1832.

Members present 4 and two visitors.

Uriah Warren applies for initiation.

A Petition for Membership from Bro. Wm. Hutton formerly a member of Fidelity Lodge No. 162, New London, X Roads, Chester County, Pa. was read.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 8 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 12, 1832.

Members present 13 and two visitors.

The petition of Bro. Wm. Hutton for membership was approved, and he was balloted for and duly elected a member of this Lodge.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 10, 1832.

Members present 22 and 13 visitors.

Uriah Warren's petition was withdrawn.

John Fitzsimmons, Eisenhart Purdy and William Sherman applies for initiation.

This being the night for the annual election, the Lodge was called off from labor, when the following brethren were elected to serve for the coming Masonic year.

Bro. Chas. Oat, Worshipful Master.
" W. W. Warr, Senior Warden.
" John Sterdevaut, Junior Warden.
" R. M. Burke, Secretary.
" Samuel Ashmead, Treasurer.

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The R. W. G. M. of G. Lodge accompanied by his Officers, made an official visit to this Lodge.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past Nine O'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 14, 1833.

Members present 18 and twelve visitors.

William Sherman, Eisenhart Purdy and John Fitzsimmons received the first degree in masonry.

The children of the late brother Wood were relieved with the sum of ten dollars from the charity committee.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 11, 1833.

Members present 11 and 8 visitors.

Eisenhart Purdy and William Sherman were passed to the degree of a fellow-craft mason, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 10 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 11, 1833.

Members present 11 and 6 visitors.

Bro. John Fitzsimmons was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 8, 1833.

Members present 9.

Bro. Wm. Webster of King David's Lodge, Taunton Massach", was relieved with the sum of ten dollars.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 13, 1833.

Members present 5 and two visitors.

Isabella Seaman was relieved with the sum of three dollars from the charity committee.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Attest,
SAMUEL ASHMEAD,
Secy. pro tem.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 10, 1833.

Members present 4 and one visitor.

The secretary being absent with the necessary books and papers &c. the lodge proceeded to business.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ before 9 o'clock.

JOS. W. BROWN,
Secy. pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 8, 1833.

Members present 6.

Owing to the absence of the secretary at the stated meeting in May & June and he not being in possession of those minutes they were not read at this meeting.

The sum of five dollars was granted for burial services, for Bro. P. W. McGee.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ before 9 o'clock.

RICH. M. BURKE,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 12, 1833.

Members present 6.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at ½ past eight o'clock.

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The Secretary being absent with the necessary Books Papers &c the lodge proceeded to business.

Bro. Jos. W. Brown was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ before nine o'clock.

Attest,

Jos. W. Brown,

Secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 9, 1833.

Members present 4.

An E. A. Lodge was opened in ancient form at ½ past 8 o'clock.

The secretary being absent with the necessary Books Papers &c. the Lodge proceeded to business.

Bro. Jas. McDonald was appointed secretary pro tem.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past Nine O'clock.

Jas. McDonald,

Secy. pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, October 14, 1833.

Members present 10 and one visitor.

An E. A. Lodge opened in ancient form at 7 o'clock. The secretary being absent with the necessary book papers &c the lodge proceeded with business.

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Bro. Eli Heald was appointed Sec'y pro tem:

Owing to the absence of the secretary with the Books, Papers and Minutes of this Lodge it was on motion Resolved:—

That a committee be appointed to wait upon Bro. Burke and to procure from him the Books, Papers &c. in his possession belonging to this Lodge, whereupon Bros. Samuel Ashmead, Wm. W. Warr and Wm. Ashmead were appointed.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

Attest,

ELI HEALD,
Secy. pro tem.

True copy made by me.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy. pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 11, 1833.

Members present 10 and one visitor.

The Minutes of the Stated Meetings of this lodge which had not been adopted were severally read and on motion was adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last stated meeting to wait upon the secy made the following report, which was accepted & com. discharged.

PHILA., Nov. 11, 1833.

To the W. M. Officers & Members of Lodge No. 2,

The committee appointed at the last stated meeting

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to wait upon Bro. Burke the secretary and to procure from him the Books & papers belonging to this lodge, beg leave to report:—

That they have accomplished the object of this appointment and that the papers are upon the secretarys table.

All of which is submitted.

Wm. W. Warr,
Wm. Ashmead,
Committee.

Bro. John A. Lemon was relieved by the aid of charity Committee.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 8 o'clock.

Wm. W. Warr,
Secy. pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 9, 1833.

Members present 18 and four visitors.

The resignation of Bro. W. Warr was read, when on motion he had leave to withdraw it.

This being the night of election, the lodge went into an election for officers, when the following Brethren were unanimously elected:—

Bro. William W. Warr, Worshipful Master.
" William Ashmead, Senior Warden.
" William Hutton, Junior Warden.

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Bro. Samuel Ashmead, Treasurer.

" Daniel Pryor, Secretary.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy. pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 13, 1834.

Members present 11 and five visitors.

The resignation of Bro. Abraham Sink was accepted.

On motion Bro. Saml Ashmead, Oat, and Pryor were appointed a committee to enquire into and report on the case of Bro. Burke, the former secretary.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 10, 1834, A. L. 5834.

Members present 5 and four visitors.

An E. A. Masons Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock. The Minutes of the last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

DANL. PRYOR,
Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 10, 1834.

Members present 12 and five visitors.

Daniel Holtz applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 14, 1834.

Members present 8 and 2 visitors.

Daniel Holtz received the first degree in masonry.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past nine o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 12, 1834.

Members present 10 and five visitors.

Bro. Richard M. Burke was expelled from membership of the lodge, for unmasonic conduct.

Bro. Holtz was passed to the degree of a fellow-craft Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

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AT the Quarterly Grand Communication held Monday, June 2, 1834, On motion made and seconded, It was resolved, That an address shall be delivered on St. John The Baptist's day (12th of June next) being as was thought at that time the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the first lodge in Pennsylvania, in this Hall by a brother selected for that purpose and that Bros. Nisbet, Moore, Stout, Riley, Cooper, Kelly and G. Smith together with the Grand Officers be a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration for the memorable anniversary who shall report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

At an adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication held Monday, June 16th, 1834, Bro. Nisbet R. W. Past Grand Master, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge Reported The following arrangements which were unanimously adopted:

"For the celebration of

"St. John The Baptist's Day 24th June, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

"Being the centennial anniversary of the establishment of The First Lodge in Pennsylvania as they [Then] supposed of which Lodge Bro. Benjamin Franklin was The First Master.

"The Grand Lodge will meet in the Grand Lodge Room on the morning of the 24th at 10 o'clock.

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"Such business as may be necessary will be transacted.

"Brethren will be admitted until a quarter before 12: o'clock.

"At 12 o'clock The Deputy Grand Master Bro. G. M. Dallas will commence his address to the Brethren he having agreed to perform that duty.

"The Grand Secretary will give notice of these arrangements to the Masters of the Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia and they are requested to notify their members to attend.

"The Grand Secretary is empowered to write such sojourning brethren and such other members of the fraternity, who do not at present belong to any lodge in the City and County, as he may deem proper.

"At the Extra Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held Tuesday, June 24th, 1834, Thirty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 10: minutes past Ten o'clock in the morning.

"A number of visiting Brethren were admitted and the number amounting to more than three hundred it was found impossible to collect and record all their names with accuracy.

"The decease of their Brother and Fellow Member, General Lafayette, having been announced to the Grand Lodge. This sad news cast a cloud over the proposed Centennial (!) celebration.

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"After proper resolutions had been adopted the Grand Lodge closed and the fraternity proceeded to the Saloon where they were gratified by hearing a very beautiful and instructive masonic address from Bro. George M. Dallas, R. W. Dep. Grand Master."

Unfortunately none of the Masonic portion of this address has come down to us; an abstract of such past relating to the death of Lafayette is published in the Reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.[19]

The above Celebration was held under a misapprehension, the brethren in the absence of such original documents as "Liber B" of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia and other contemporary data, assumed that the literature issued and claims made by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts were correct; our records dating back to 1730, at that time being unknown both to our brethren and those of Massachusetts, as all of our old Colonial and Revolutionary records saved from the fire in 1819 had been gathered together and packed away in six strong boxes, securely locked and sealed by Brother Bernard Dahlgren, who was Grand Secretary in 1824. These boxes remained for years unknown and forgotten in a seldom used vault, until after the death of R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Michael Nisbet, in 1896, when it occurred to Brother John A. Perry, Deputy Grand Secretary, to open them and investigate their contents, and are now in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[19] Vol. IV, pp. 196–7.

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He found that they contained papers dating back to the early years of the XVIII century, which for years had been overlooked and forgotten, but are now carefully collated and indexed, in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, available for the Student of Masonic History.[20]

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 9, 1834.

Members present 8 and three visitors.

Abraham Sink, formerly a member of this lodge, applies for membership.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 14, 1834.

Members present 5.

Bro. Abraham Sink was balloted for and duly elected a member of this lodge.

The resignation of Bro. Wm. Cummings was read and accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 11, 1834.

Members present 4 and one visitor.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last

[20] *Cf.* "Old Masonic Lodge of Pennsylvania, Moderns and Ancients, 1730–1800," by Julius F. Sachse, Philadelphia, 1912.

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stated meeting of the Lodge and the consideration of all business contained therein was defered till our next stated meeting and the lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 8, 1834.

Members present 6.

Michael Ruth was relieved with the sum of three dollars by the Charity Committee.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

PHILADELPHIA, October 13th, 1834.

This being the night for the Stated Meeting of the Lodge, most of the officers repaired at different times to the Hall, but at no time a sufficient number to open a Lodge, in consequence it is supposed of this being the night preceding the General Elections throughout the State.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 10, 1834, A. L. 5834.

Members present 8 and four visitors.

Bros. John J. Henry, Charles Cook and John H.

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Stilley were severally expelled for non-payment of dues.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ past 8 o'clock.

DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 8, 1834.

Members present 21 and twenty visitors.

This being the night for election, the Lodge was called off, from labor, and then called on again and the following brethren were elected to serve this Lodge for the coming Masonic Year begining on St. John's Day next.

Bro. William Ashmead, Worshipful Master.
" William Hutton, Senior Warden.
" William Cummings, Junior Warden.
" Samuel Ashmead, Treasurer.
" Daniel Pryor, Secretary.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Signed
DANIEL PRYOR,
Secy.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 12, 1835.

Members Present 9 and three visitors.

The resignation of Bro. Robert Smith was read and accepted.

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John G. Duy applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Attest CHARLES OAT,
Secy Pro Tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 9, 1835.

Members present 7 and seven visitors.

John G. Duy received the first degree in Masonry.

The Resignation of Wm. W. Warr, was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

CHARLES OAT,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 10, 1835.

Members present 7 and four visitors.

Bro. John G. Duy was passed to the degree of a fellow craft Mason.

A Charge of unmasonic conduct was presented against Bro. Daniel Pryor.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy pro tem.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 13, 1835.

Members present 7 and eight visitors.

Bro. John G. Duy was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, MAY 11, 1835.

Members present 8 and eleven visitors.

Bro. Daniel Pryor was expelled from the masonic order for Un-Masonic Conduct violating his duty as Secretary of this Lodge.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9¼ o'clock.

Attest, WM W. WARR,
Secy Pro Tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 8, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present 5 and seven visitors.

Jacob Brown applies for initiation.

The Dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 9¼ o'clock.

WM. W. WARR,
Secy Pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 13, 1835.

Members present 7 and three visitors.

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Jacob Brown received the first degree in Masonry.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Attest, Wm W. Warr,
Secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 10, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present 8 and five visitors.

Bro. John Able's resignation was accepted and he was recommended to R. W. Grand Lodge for a G. L. Certificate.

Bro. Daniel Holtz was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

Attest, Wm W. Warr,
Secy pro tem.

Stated Meeting, Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 14, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present four and five visitors.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting was read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Attest Wm W. Warr,
Secy pro tem.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, October 12, 1835.

Members present four and two visitors.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock, the minutes of the last Stated Meeting was read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

Attest, WM W. WARR,
Secy. pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 9, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present 5 and one visitor.

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock, the minutes of the last stated meeting was read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ before 8 o'clock.

Attest, WM. W. WARR,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 14, 1835, A. L. 5835.

Members present 12 and four visitors.

This being the night of the annual election, the Lodge went into an election for Officers, when the following Brethren were duly elected officers for to serve one year beginning on St. John's Day next.

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Bro. William Hutton,	Worshipful Master,
" William Cummings,	Senior Warden,
" William P. Attmore,	Junior Warden,
" William Ashmead,	Treasurer,
" Charles Oat,	Secretary,

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock,

Attest, Wm. W. Warr,

Secy pro tem.

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1835—"THIRD STREET" (WASHINGTON) HALL—1855.

THIRD STREET ABOVE SPRUCE—WEST SIDE.

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

Washington Hall, Third Street above Spruce, 1835–1849.

DURING the third decade of last century their dawned the darkest period for the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania. The tidal wave of anti-masonry had dashed itself against the rock of Freemasonry, and temporarily spread its venomous spray over our fraternity, and by its action winnowing out the weakhearted members who were influenced by denominational, family or political reasons to renounce their feality to the fraternity. It required a strong man to stand up for the faith that was in him at this period. However, before the decade was ended, the tidal wave of anti-masonic fanaticism had spent its fury and resurged into oblivion; leaving the Masonic Fraternity unscathed in the minds of all right thinking people, upheld as it was by the brethren who had stood by the fraternity in the days of trial and tribulation, among whom were some of the most honored and prominent

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citizens of our State, who were officers and members of our Grand Lodge.

It will be remembered that the Anti-Masonic propaganda from the very beginning had in the hands of scheming men became a great political machine who attempted to use what may be called a popular excitement for their own aggrandizement.

In 1829 the Anti-masonic party nominated Joseph Ritner for Governor of Pennsylvania. He was defeated by Bro. George Wolf. Three years later Ritner was again defeated for the governorship by Bro. Wolf. However, in 1835 he was for the third time proposed by his party and elected Governor of the State.

In 1838 Governor Ritner was for the fourth time proposed for Governor by his party, now called the United Whig party, and made up of Federalists, Anti-Masons and conservative Democrats. He was defeated, and with the election of his successor the anti-masonic party disappeared as a political factor in Pennsylvania because it lacked principles and its allegations were false and untrue.

The baneful effects of the Anti-Masonic crusade however, became more and more manifest in the financial condition of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

At an Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication held March 16, 1835, the Committee on Finance made a lengthy report upon the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.[1]

[1] *Cf.* Reprint of Minutes, Vol. VI, pp. 214–217.

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The committee reported that, according to their calculation, there would be a deficiency at the end of the year 1835 of nine hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Further, that the Committee have observed with Pain and Mortification that their regular Annunciation of the alarming facts, that for several years the Expenses of the Grand Lodge have considerably exceeded their Income has not led to a Correction of the evil. During last year, 1834, the Receipts of the Grand Lodge from the Hall greatly exceeded those of former years. Yet with all this extraordinary Income, there is a deficiency of more than Fifteen Hundred Dollars. That is, the actual expenses of the Institution, counting dues on Interest and the Grand Secretary and Grand Tyler actually exceeded all the Income by that Amount, with that appalling Circumstance in View and the Strong probability that the present and future years will not afford an equal Income for the Hall. Your Committee are also constrained to advert to the financial difficulties of a large number of Subordinate Lodges which, whatever may be the Zeal of their Members, for the honor and Support of the Craft, cannot be supposed to rise Under the Burthens of Debt that now weigh them down. Still less to sustain continued or Increased Taxation, Members who would willingly devote a due portion of time and a moderate degree of their earnings to the Good of the Cause, now withdraw from a responsibility that threatens to Interfere with their higher obligations to their own Families.

While many Members of the Grand Lodge are Content to mark its existence and to desire its prosperity, your Committee have felt it a Solemn Duty carefully to Enquire into and freely to expose the financial Difficulties of the Institution and in addition to their Statement of present embarrassments to add the expression of their Solemn Conviction that in a few years, the Interest upon the existing Debt and the difference between the Actual expenditures and Receipts of the Grand Lodge will so Increase the Debt that the Property of the Institution will be in Eminent Jeopardy.

The Interest of the Debt must be Paid, and the General Expenses of the Grand Lodge can Scarcely be diminished, while to any observer of the Signs of the Times, it must be obvious, that the revenue will be Considerably lessened. The tendency of this course is towards Bankruptcy and Dissolution, Strengthened by the Certainty not previously adverted to, Viz: that in about 5 Years the Law exempt-

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ing our Real Estate from Taxation will expire and we can scarcely entertain a Hope of its renewal.

Your Committee are aware that Brethren have Suggested as an expediency of Profit, the Erection of Buildings in Front of the Hall. Something indeed might be added to the revenue by such a Measure, but the Debt would also be greatly Increased, while it is evident to the Committee that the deficiency in the Revenue would not be supplied as soon as Taxation upon all the Buildings Commenced, and your Committee respectfully but earnestly caution the Grand Lodge against any further Building Speculations. Your Committee have not confined their Enquiries to the extent of existing difficulties, or the impracticability of Certain Plans of Removing the embarrassments, but have felt it a part of their Duty to Suggest to the Grand Lodge a means of escape from the evils which threaten it, and they respectfully offer for Consideration a Plan which if not the only efficient one, is in their opinion the best that in present Circumstances can be devised; it is as follows:

Sell the Estate, Pay the Debts and from the Balance Purchase a Hall amply large for all the purposes of Masonry and the remainder will be a Fund for Charity the True object of our order.

The Particulars of the Plan Suggested are as follows, Viz: The Lot and Hall is Worth from $105 to 115.000 dollars,

say	110.000	
Sinking Fund, ...	5.635	
		115.635
Debt due by		
Grand Lodge, ...	66.000	
Purchase of New Property, ...	23.000	
Repairs and Alterations necessary to New Property at the extent not more than, ...	66.35	
		95.635
	Dollars,	20.000

This leaving a Fund of Twenty thousand Dollars to be applied to Charitable Purposes, or in the ordinary Expenses of the Grand Lodge and this without reference to the usual incomes of Rent if any, and the Dues of Subordinate Lodges.

The Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars left to the Grand Lodge by our late Worthy Brother Girard will soon Amount to Thirty Thousand by the Regular addition of Interest to the principal, when that

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too will become a Charity Fund, nor is your Committee satisfied that the General Charity Fund may not be applied to swell that Sum Immediately to the required Amount.

Your Committee have referred to the Cost of another Hall as being about $23,000. They have not spoken without due Enquiry. A Building eligibly situated of Sufficient Capacity for all the Masonic Bodies in the City, they have reason to believe, may be had for that Sum and $6635 more will be required to prepare the Interior for the particular Convenience of Masonry.

Your Committee in the above Estimates of the Value of the Property of the Grand Lodge did not take into account the Policy of Insurance on the Present Building $1500, which can be converted into Cash by allowing 5 pr. Cent., ... 1425.00
Present Charity Fund about, ... 2000.00

making three thousand, four Hundred and Twenty five Dollars and they have also overlooked the Amount which may be due from Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee have Carefully set before the Grand Lodge the present state of its Financial Affairs and the prospects under existing regulations. They have also proposed an efficient remedy for existing difficulties and a prevention of Future similar troubles. The situation of the Grand Lodge is alarming to every Friend of the Order and Ruin to the Craft seems to be inevitable if no Remedy is adopted. The Plan which your Committee proposes, relinquishes none of the high Standing of the order; it frees us from Debt, furnishes us with a Beautiful Building, releases the Subordinate Lodges from existing enthralment and future heavy taxation, encourages the Craft in regular attendance, insures Prosperity by opening the Door to Membership, renews the affection and fealty of Country Lodges to the Grand Lodge, Gives to each Lodge a Means of Charity and Places at the disposal of the Grand Lodge a Magnificent Sum from the Interest of which, the Wants of a distressed Worthy Brother, his Widow or his Orphans may be Amply Supplied and thus the great object of our order be fully attained.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

Signed S. Wonderly.
Josh. R. Chandler.
S. M. Stewart.
J. W. Dickson.

Philada., March 11th, 1835.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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The following report from the Grand Committee of Twenty-One was then read with the accompanying documents:[2]

To the Right Worshipful The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Twenty One Appointed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication to take into Consideration and Report the most feasible means of relieving the pecuniary Concerns of the Grand Lodge, respectfully make Report as follows:

Having assembled early after their appointment the Committee Caused to be prepared a Comprehensive and distinct Statement of the Property, the Debts, the Resources, and the Expenditures of the Grand Lodge together with a View of the Condition of the Girard Legacy, this Document is herewith Communicated.

It would appear that the Property of the Grand Lodge of every description, real and Personal, may be reasonably estimated at	$131.362.50
that the funded and Miscellaneous Debts actually amount to	66.258.83
leaving an access of estimated Property of	$65.103.67
This, as available Property, is of course exclusive of the Trust Property of the Grand Lodge applicable only to fixed and special purposes, to wit, The Charity Fund, and the Girard Legacy, and the Trust Property being added,	23.398.26
Swells the aggregate excess of Property over Indebtedness to,	$88.501.93

This excess of substantial Capital contrasts most Unfavorably with the Annual resources and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge, and exhibits a large Investment in Real Estate worse than wholly unproductive.

The estimated annual Payments of the G. L. are,	5,995.52
And the estimated Receipts applicable to their Payments are,	4,683.00
Shewing (notwithstanding the excess of Property over Debt) an annual deficiency of,	$1.312.52

[2] *Cf. ibid.*, p. 222.

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This waste of Capital and this regular annual deficiency seem to your Committee alike Unwise and Perilous. If allowed to operate a few years longer, the Mischief may become Irremediable, and any diminution in the present value of the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge arising from Public or Accidental Causes, would hasten a most embarrassing and disgraceful, if not fatal Catastrophe, to the Financial Concerns and Character of the Order. While we have it yet in our Power it would seem to be our Duty to bring our excess of Property into active Usefulness, to prevent the possibility of our Annually Sinking deeper and deeper in Debt, and to place the Paramount objects of Masonic Charity, Justice and Integrity beyond all Hazard, difficulty or Doubt.

Under these impressions, your Committee have reviewed certain Projects for Financial relief which have heretofore been Suggested.

1st. It is thought by some that the Revenues of the Grand Lodge might be considerably augmented if Stores or other Buildings fit to be Rented out were erected on the Lot in front of the Hall.

To carry this Plan into execution, it would be necessary to Borrow a Considerable Sum of Money, and any additional Debt would seem Imprudent. The expedient might fail, the Income from the newly Constructed Buildings might fall short of what would seem just now to be reasonably expected. The erection of these Buildings in Front would probably Injuriously affect the occupation and receipts of the Hall itself. The Sum expended on them would add little or nothing to the Value of the entire Property in case a Sale should be ultimately determined upon.

If it be Calmly remembered that the act of assembly exempting this Hall from Taxation will expire in less than Five Years and that an annual demand not less than $1000 will then be added to our present expenses, that to the existing amount of Annual deficiency will be superadded the Interest on the Sum to be Borrowed for the Construction of the proposed Buildings and that their productiveness would be Subject to the usual uncertainties of Rents and other Contingents; it is believed that the Fraternity will generally Coincide with the Committee in rejecting the Project as Inexpedient and Hazardous.

2d. The Sale of the Real Estate occupied by the Grand Lodge and the Purchase of another Lot and Edifice much less expensive, is the only other Plan which has been presented to the consideration of the Committee and this they are inclined to believe may be most advantageously and usefully Carried into Execution.

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It is certainly true that a Transfer of the Labors of the Order from this Hall to any other will be made with Regret. Erected and Consecrated at a Period of great Masonic Prosperity and expectation, we have clung to it with Natural Pride, and have lavished upon it more of our affections and our means than experience and Prudence can Justify. If we Quit it, let us take Consolation from the reflection that in doing so we return to the practice of fundamental Principles, that as we throw off the Vestments of Splendor we resume the Beauty and Purity of Benevolence and are accompanied by the ennobling consciousness of absolute Independence. The Sale of this Property will enable us to extinguish every shackle of Debt, to purchase an equally convenient, more appropriate though perhaps less Imposing Temple, and at once to command and to accumulate a large and effective Fund for the exalted purpose of Charity. These are Results within the Immediate reach of the Grand Lodge, and towards which the Judgment and Feelings of your Committee are Irresistably Impelled.

Abstaining from a Detail as to the Various modes by which the plan may be effected, a Detail whose publicity might in some Degree affect the Interests of the Grand Lodge, the Committee Tender the adoption of the following.

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to ascertain what Price can be obtained for the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge, and to Receive proposals for the Sale of a Suitable Building for its accommodation to Report to the Grand Lodge at its next Meeting.

Philad^a., March 16th, 1835.

Signed. G. M. Dallas,
G. M.
Chairman of the Com.

Attest. Sam^L. M. Stewart,
Secretary.

The above Resolution was on Motion made and Seconded Adopted, and R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on Said Committee Bros. Josh. R. Chandler, Josh. S. Riley, Cornelius Stevenson, Wm. Stephens and Mark Richards.

April 6.—A specific Proposal was received from the Franklin Institute to the following effect: To give for

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the Masonic Hall and the Land, the Sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars in Cash and the Hall of the Institute in Seventh Street, occupying 60 feet in front and about 100 feet in depth. This offer was made upon the understanding that another Proposal could be proffered in a few days which would not include, of necessity, the offer of their own Hall.

The Committee offer the following Resolution: Resolved, That a Committee be appointed with Power to Sell the Masonic Hall and Lot at a Price not less than One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars, and that they be authorized to advertize the Premises for Sale, provided that in their Opinion it should be Deemed necessary and expedient.

May 4.—The Committee made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the Duty of ascertaining what sum could be obtained for the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge and at what Price another Suitable Hall could be Purchased, beg leave to Report.

That they have Received from the Directors of the Philadelphia Museum an offer of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars on the Condition that the Grand Lodge would continue to occupy or hire the parts of the Hall now used for Masonic Purposes with the exception of the Chapter Room, at a yearly Rent of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

The Committee have also received from the Trustees or Executive Committee of the Franklin Institute an offer of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars without any Conditions, subject however to the approval of the Institute.

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Brother Robert Kid Continues his offer of the Washington Hall for Twenty four Thousand Dollars.

May 18.—The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of ascertaining what sum could be obtained for the real estate of the Grand Lodge and on what terms another Hall could be obtained, reported that they have received several offers and conferred with other Gentlemen as to the means to be pursued for Obtaining the full Value of the property for Sale, and they have been advised to offer the whole for Sale at Public Auction and they respectfully ask advice from the Grand Lodge on this subject.

On Motion, made and seconded, the above Committee was Continued, and that it was further Invested with power to purchase the Washington Hall, for a Sum not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars Subject to the Sale of the Masonic Hall.

June 1, 1835.—The Committee reported "That they have purchased the Washington Hall in conformity with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge at the price of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars.

Following is a description of Washington Hall on the west side of Third Street above Spruce Street, as it originally was when purchased, prior to its alteration for Masonic uses by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The plan of the Washington Hall was a parallelogram, 73 feet in front, by 138 feet 9 inches deep. The elevation presented one principal story, raised upon a high, rustick basement. The facade on Third Street was distinguished by a grand niche of 22 feet diameter sweeping into the building, on the principal floor, fronted by a

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screen of columns of the Greek Ionick character, surmounted by their entablature, over which sprung from a blocking course, a semi-circular arch, equal in diameter to the niche. In this great niche, a statue of Washington was placed; and behind were smaller niches to receive those of Penn and Hamilton. Over these are tablets of decoration, and a pannelled canopy crowns the whole. On the blocking over the entablature, in front of this canopy, an Eagle is represented decending with a wreath of victory, below this niche, on the basement story, a recess, fronted by rustick pillars opens an entrance into the building. On each side of this recess was a small niche for Busts, over which, in the principal story, and above the entablature, were tablets of trophies. These central decorations occupyed a space of 38 feet on the plan, projecting four feet before the interiour parts of the building, and rising to the height of the main cornice, and were pierced in each story with a single window of large dimensions. The centre building being elevated by the great arch of the niche, steped back in blocking over the arch. The return of the building to the Washington Hall Hotel, carried the same character of finish as the front, and the whole was enclosed from the street by an iron pallisade.

To enter the building you ascended a low flight of marble steps, through the recess in front, and passed into a circular vestibule, twenty six feet in diameter, crowned by a dome. On the right was the principal staircase; on the left a door lead into an office or committee room, twenty feet by eighteen; in front, an arch way opened into a passage extending the whole depth of the building, and on each side of this arch corresponding apertures lead, the one on the left to a suite of rooms, adjoining to, and opening into the Hotel; that on the right to the banqueting room, which was 117 feet in length, by 30 feet in width, circled at each end, the walls being pierced on one side by windows, and on the other by great folding doors, which, opening across the passage meet corresponding doors opening from the opposite rooms, thus forming a suite of apartments capable of containing 3,000 persons. Two communications were also made with the adjoining Hotel. The walls of the great banqueting room were decorated with pilasters and niches, and the ceiling groined in the centre, and niched at each end. A musick gallery was erected just over the entrance from the vestibule.

Ascending the principal stairs, you landed in a second vestibule. The stairs continued up to the galleries. On the left of this vestibule a large window, descending to the floor, opened into the great niche.

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At the end of the vestibule a door lead into a committee room, 18 feet by 20; and turning to the right, you entered, through a large folding door, into the grand saloon. This room, which was particularly appropriated to the meetings of the Society, was one hundred and twenty feet long, and nearly seventy feet wide, encircled by a double colonade supporting and screening galleries. Above the entablature of the upper columns, sprung a vaulted ceiling of 45 feet in diameter. This vault was niched at the end next to the entrance, and the circle was continued down to the floor, opened at the angles by recesses, and fronted by columns. The whole height of the saloon was 45 feet. The columns composing the colonade were Greek Ionick below. Over its entablature ran a dwarf balustrading, enclosing the galleries. Above this was a colonade of Attick columns. The rostrum and president's chair were placed a little in front of the musick gallery at the west end, and on each side were disposed the seats of the other officers of the Society.

The Saloon was capable of containing 4,000 persons with perfect convenience, and if crowded, from 5,000 to 6,000 including the galleries. The floor between the columns was so constructed as, by means of screws and other machinery, to be rendered elastic for the accommodation of dancing assemblies; and when used for this purpose the drapery curtains which are proposed as decorations between the columns, being dropped, the space behind them thus rendered private, could be appropriated as a green room, promanade, &c., for such as do not dance.

The roof of this building was designed and executed by Mr. Justus, the Master Builder, was constructed in such a manner as to have all its weight thrown perpendicularly upon the outer walls, so that no part of it bears upon the columns within; consequently the floor of the Grand Saloon carried simply its own weight and part of that of the surrounding galleries, each of the columns of which rested upon the key wedge of one of the girders.

July 6.—Plans were submitted for alterations in the Washington Hall to adapt the building for the requirements of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Bodies. It was suggested that the south room on the lower floor be used as a Banquetting Room, while the smaller Apartments would furnish excellent Committee Rooms,

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Furniture Rooms, &c. One of them could with slight Alterations be put to some Valuable Masonic Purpose; while the Grand Salon was to be divided into two Halls, the larger of which was for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The alterations to the New Hall were commenced without delay, and so rapid was the progress during the summer and autumn that the building was ready for dedication on St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27, 1835.

Elaborate plans were made for the consecration of the New Building, one of the suggestions made was that the Grand and Subordinate Lodges proceed to take possession of their new hall by a public procession. After several meetings of the representatives of the different city lodges and the Grand Officers, it was decided against any public procession evidently owing to the Anti-masonic agitation and feeling still in the community at that time.

The final arrangements for the dedication were made December 14, 1835, by the following Committee appointed by the Grand Master:

Bro.	L. Keating,	of	No.	2
"	C. McCaraher,	"	"	3
"	W. B. Watson,	"	"	9
"	E. S. Gandy	"	"	59
"	Chas. Stout,	"	"	67
"	J. A. Philips,	"	"	71
"	W. Mayweg,	"	"	125

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Bro. F. Cooper of No. 130
" A. Mason, " " 158.

On Monday, December 28, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania met in Annual Grand Communication in the New Hall on Third Street.

There were present:

Bro. George M. Dallas, R. W. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " Dep^y. Gr. Master.
" John M. Read, " Senr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Saml. H. Perkins, " Junr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" Ge^o. S. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, " Marshal.
" Joseph S. Riley, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" W^m. Stephens, Junr. Grand Deacon.
" J. A. Phillips, Gr^d. Pursuivant, P. T.
" Ge^o. C. Potts, R. Piggott and W. T. Sproale, Grand Chaplains.

P. G. M. Bro. B. Newcomb.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at ½ Past 10 o'clock in the Morning.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Grand Secretary Stated, that the Architect had Compleated the Hall, and was desirous of surrendering up the Implements of Architecture which had been Committed to his Care when he Commenced the Undertaking.

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler on behalf of the Architect and Committee of Superintendence Addressed the Grand Master,

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Returned Thanks for the Honor Conferred on him, and the Brethren Composing the Committee and after a very Beautiful and Impressive Speech on the Purity and Benevolence of the order, expressed a Hope that the manner in which the Work had been executed would Meet the Approbation of the R. W. Grand Master and of the Fraternity, and requested Permission to deliver up the Implements of Architecture.

The R. W. Grand Master then expressed his high Approbation of the Conduct of the Architect and of the Committee of Superintendence, directed the Grand Wardens to receive the Implements which was done, and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary informed the R. W. Grand Master, that it was the wish of the Fraternity to have the Hall dedicated to the Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry.

The R. W. Grand Master thereupon Commanded his Grand Officers, and requested the R. W. Past Grand Officers to assist in that Solemnity.

A Dedication Prayer was then offered up by one of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Officers then made a Procession round the Lodge three Times formed and Conducted by the Grand Marshal in the following Order, Viz:

Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Grand Master
" " Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Chaplains.
Grand Senior and Junior Wardens.
" Treasurer and Secretary.
Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Senr. and Junr. Deacons.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Pursuivant.

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at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Strewing Corn over the Lodge declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To the Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honors were given.

The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge three times, at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Pouring Wine over the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To Virtue and to Science, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given as before.

The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge Three Times, at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Pouring Oil on the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To Universal Charity and Benevolence, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honors were given as before.

A Consecration Prayer was then offered up by One of the Grand Chaplains and the R. W. Grand Master returned to Solomons Chair.

During the Ceremony of Dedication the following Odes were Sung by Several of the Brethren.

First Ode.

Hail! Masonry Divine!
Glory of Ages Shine! &c.

Second Ode.

Hail! Mysterious, Glorious Science,
Which to Discord bids Defiance; &c.

Third Ode.

When Earth's Foundation first was laid
By the Almighty Artist's Hand, &c.

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Praise the Grand Master.

A Masonic Canon for Four Voices, Composed by Doct^r. G. R. Jackson.

"Praise the Grand Master of the Universal Lodge."

The R. W. Grand Master Bro. George M. Dallas, then addressed by the Grand Lodge in a Strain of Solmn Eloquence, in which he most feelingly referred to the Embarrassing situation in which the Enemies of Free Masonry had placed the Order. He called upon the Brethren to Suppress all Feelings of Unkindness, to Hush all Animosities towards Opponents and to remember that the Ceremonies which they had just Witnessed were no Idle Pageants, that the dedication of the Hall to "Universal Benevolence" shewed that in our good Feelings all Mankind were Concerned, while we as Masons Carefully adhered to the Duties we had Assumed, that we were not to overlook the fact that Love to God and obedience to the Laws of the Land were Part and Parcel of the Duties which Masons owe each other and which Masonry Solemnly and Invariably Inculcates upon her Children.

On Motion of Bro. John M. Read and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Master for the Eloquent, Able and Dignified Address just delivered by him to the Fraternity assembled on this Solemn yet Gratifying occasion.

On Motion of Bro. Joseph R. Chandler and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to Bro^r. James Howard, an Invited Brother, Bro. Dickson of N°. 114, Bro^r. Knight and Liner of N°. 187 and Bro^s. W. and S. Ashmead of N°. 2, who by their

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Musical Talents, added so much to the Beauty, Harmony and Solemnity of the Present Occasion.

On Motion of Bro. P. G. Master Newcomb and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the Committee on Purchase and Sale Under whose Superintendence this Hall has been so admirably adapted to Masonic Purposes.

On Motion of Bro. Saml. H. Perkins and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby Tendered to our reverend Brethren Geo. C. Potts, Robt. Piggott, W. T. Sprole and Norman Nash for their assistance in the Solemnities of Dedication.

The first Meeting of Lodge No. 2 to be held in the New Hall on South Third Street was the

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.
Philadelphia, January 11, 1836.

Members Present.

Bro. Wm. Hutton, W. M.
" Wm. Cummings, S. W.
" Wm. P. Attmore, J. W.
" Wm. Ashmead, Treas.
" Wm. W. Warr, Secy, p. t.
" E. Hall.

George F. Lewis, applies for initiation.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

WM. W. WARR.
Secy pro tem.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 8, 1836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Wm. Hutton, W. M.	Bro. C. Baker,	No. 67
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	" Jas. Bowles,	No. 130
Wm. P. Attmore, J. W.	" Ross B. Arey,	" 131
Wm. Ashmead, Secy, p. t.	" J. R. Tatem,	" 91
Jas. McDonald.		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7½ o'clock.

The Secretary being absent with the necessary Books & papers, and no other business being before the Lodge, the dues were collected amounting to $6.50 and the Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ before 8 o'clock.

Signed WM. ASHMEAD,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 14, 1836.

Members present 11 and 30 visitors.

Thomas Shillingford was entered, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

George F. Lewis was balloted for and approved.

Peir Price applies for initiation.

A Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge was received embracing the names of the G. Officers and the following Resolutions.

Resolved: Unanimously, That the secretary be, and

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he is hereby instructed, to balance the accounts of all the Lodges in arrears to the G. Lodge up to the 27th, December 1834, by profit & Loss. And that he be further instructed to inform them, viz: those in the city and county of Philadelphia to render their returns and pay up their dues for the year 1835, on or before the first, day of june next, and those out of the city and county of Philadelphia, by the first day of September next.

WHEREAS: owing to circumstances, many of the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have been obliged to suspend their labours for several years past, and have not held their Annual Election in December last.

Therefore Resolved Unanimously, That leave be, and it is hereby granted to all such Lodges, to re organize and elect their officers, provided they find themselves in a situation to comply with the terms of the above resolution.

Extract from the minutes,

Philadelphia, March 14th, 1836.

Signed, SAMUEL M. STEWART,

Grand Secretary,

On motion Bro. Shillingford was recommended to the Grand Lodge for a Grand Lodge Certificate.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

Attest, CHARLES OAT,

Secy.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 11, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Wm. Hutton, W. M.	Edw. Haydock,	131
" Wm. Cummings, S. W.	Geo. Smith,	181
" Geo. Smith, J. W. p. t.	Lewis Way,	114
" Wm. Ashmead, Treas.	Jno. Lane,	186
	Jas. Hickey,	187
	J. W. Nesbit,	51
	Aaron Waters,	72

Pier Price was balloted for and approved.

The dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Secy pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 9, 1836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Wm. Hutton, W. M.	T. S. Manning,	91
" Wm. Cummings, S. W.	J. W. Nesbit,	51
" J. W. Nesbit, J. W. p. t.	T. Jeffries,	43
" Wm. Ashmead, Treas.	J. B. Wood,	64
	H. B. Smith,	Boston

Mr. Pier Price received the first degree in masonry.

Bro. H. P. Smith was relieved with the sum of five dollars, by the aid of the members present.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Secy P/T.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 13, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M.	T. S. Manning,	91
" Cummings, S. W.	— Lyndall,	186
Lambert Keating, J. W. p. t.		
Wm. Ashmead, Treas.		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock

The Minutes of the Stated Meetings of April and May were severally read and on motion were adopted.

The Dues were collected and the lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Attest, WM. ASHMEAD,
Secy Pt. T.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 11, 1836, A. L. 5836

Members Present.

Wm. Hutton, W. M.
Wm. Cummings, S. W.
John Thompson, J. W. p. t.
Pier Price.
Lambert Keating.

Bro. Pier Price was passed to the degree of a fellow craft mason.

The dues were collected and the Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ O'clock.

Attest, WM. CUMMINGS,
Secy. P. T.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1836.

This being the night for the stated meeting of Lodge No. 2, a few of the members repaired to the Hall, but not enough to open a Lodge owing (it is presumed) to the excessive warm weather.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Secy Pro tem.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, September 12, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M.	Bro. Wm. H. Adams,	59
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	T. McGill,	9
Wm. H. Adams, J. W. p. t.	J. N. Devenport,	59
Wm. Ashmead, Treas.		
Chas. Oat, Secy.		

The R. W. G Master of the G. Lodge accompanied by his G. Officers made an official visit to this Lodge when the G. Sec. mad ethe following report:—That he has examined the minutes of Lodge No. 2, from the period of the last Grand Visitation in December 1832, to the meeting in July 1836, inclusive, and found them to be kept with exceeding neatness and accuracy.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

copied by Bro. Signed, CHARLES OAT,
WM. ASHMEAD, *secy.*
secy pro tem.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, October 10, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M.	Theo. Norville Louisiana,	No. 32
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	Wm. Brown, Columbia,	Mass.
Theo. Norvill, J. W. p. t.	D. B. McGord,	No. 82
Pier Price.		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at ¼ before 8 o'clock.

The Sec. being absent the Minutes of the last stated meeting was not read.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, November 14, 1836, A. L. 5836.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M.	I. Hickey,	No. 187
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	— Chambers,	" 91
— Chambers, J. W. p. t.	C. C. Williams,	Camden
	Robt. McGrath,	"

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting was read and on motion adopted. There being no further business.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

Signed, JAMES HICKEY,
Secy p. t.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 12, 1836, A. L. 5836.

This being the night of the anual election, The Lodge went into an election for officers when the following Brethren were duly elected officers of this Lodge to serve for one year from St. Johns Day next,

Bro. Wm. Cummings,	Worshipful Master,
" Wm. Hutton,	Senior Warden,
" Joseph M. Douglass,	Junior Warden,
" Wm. Ashmead,	Sec. &
" Samuel Ashmead,	Treasurer.

Bro. Jno H. Reinert was relieved with the sum of $4.25 a voluntary contribution taken up from the members present.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Secy pro tem.

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THE year 1837 did not open auspiciously for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Chestnut Street Hall had been sold by the Grand Lodge to the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, the consideration being $110,-550; divided into five periods of payment, as shown by the original draft in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.[3]

$15.000	Upon the execution of the Deed				Secured by Bond & Mortgage in the usual way on the premises
20.000	payable	1	January	1836	
25.183.34	do	1	"	1838	
25.183.33	"	1	"	1840	
25.183.33	"	1	"	1842	
110.550	Dolls. at 5 per ct. per annum.				

With privilege to the Franklin Institute to anticipate the payment of the whole or any part of it before those days, in installments of not less than five thousand dollars, on giving thirty days' notice; and guarantee to be given by the Grand Lodge against any outstanding incumbrances which cannot be satisfied at once.

Possession of the entire building and premises annexed to be delivered to the Franklin Institute by the Grand Lodge on the first day of March, 1st of April or 1st of May, 1836, as the Grand Lodge may prefer.[4]

Early in the year 1837 a commercial panic swept over the land.

The great benefits which were expected to follow the chartering of the United States Bank as a state institu-

[3] Vol. G. L., XIV, folio 19.

[4] For full report see Reprint of Minutes, Vol. VI, pp. 273–274.

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tion were not realized. The banks which had expanded their issues were drawing them in, greatly to the annoyance and distress of many of their debtors.

Over-importation of foreign goods caused heavy exportation of coin to Europe. Under all the circumstances business failures were made frequent. Trade was dull. Thousands of persons were out of employment, and the collection of debts was a difficult matter. The banks stood up against these obstacles until the eleventh of May, when the banks of Philadelphia suspended, and they were followed in that action by the banks all over the country.

Within two days notes of twenty-five and fifty cents and upwards printed in blue ink, were issued by the city and immediately went into circulation, passing from hand to hand as coin might do. The example of the city was followed with little delay by other corporations and institutions, who took occasion of the public necessity to put into circulation notes of five, six and a quarter, ten and twelve and a half-cents and upwards. Specie retired entirely from circulation, being a matter of purchase and sale by brokers. Even the old red cent became scarce. Distressing consequences followed the bank suspensions. In Philadelphia there were insolvencies and general suffering, rents went down, wages were reduced, prices fell, and the injury was universal.

The management of the Franklin Institute was also caught in the financial panic and found it difficult to

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raise the necessary current funds to pay the accrued interest on the mortgages. In this extremity they followed the course of the city and other institutions by issuing notes of a dollar and fractions thereof, or so-called shinplasters, for the specific purpose of purchasing the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street. Copies of the 12½ cent (or Levy note)[5] and quarter of a dollar are here presented in fac-simile as will be seen they were made "payable at the Hall of the Institute one year after date with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per Annum and being part of a loan for the purchase of the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia."

Following is the schedule of prices for the rooms while the Chestnut Street Hall was in the possession of the Franklin Institute.[6]

The rooms on the first floor of the Masonic Hall Rent as follows, viz:—

Saloon for Month Rent	$150.00
Gas for Do varies from 50 to	150.00
Banq^{t} Room Rent for month,	75.00
Gas for do varies from 12 to	50
N. W. room Rent for month	75
No Gas pipes in this room	
S. E. Front Room Rent for M^{o}	50

[5] Levy twelve and half-cents, formerly a Spanish real current in the United States, nominally worth 12½ cents, but passing for eleven pence also known as a eleven penny bit.

The six and a quarter cent Shinplasters were known as "fippenney bits" after a Spanish or Mexican silver coin worth 6¼ cents, current in the United States at that time. Specimens in the Grand Lodge Library.

[6] Mss., Vol. G. L., XIV.

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"SHINPLASTER" FRACTIONAL NOTE ISSUED BY THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE IN 1837, AS PART OF A LOAN TO PURCHASE THE MASONIC HALL.

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Gas varies from 8 to	20
Ladies Room Rent for Mo.	40
Gas varies would not exced.	10

The nature of the exhibition is everything to determine the quantity of Gas.

For casual purposes such as Balls, Dinners, Fairs, Concerts and a variety of other things which offer much more can be realised.

For instance the Catholic fair about opening for one week will bring rent $150.

Probable Amt of Gas 100

A Ball brings in according to kind of party from $70 to $120—

A Dinner from $60— to $90—

The Rooms up stairs if the Grand Lodge was out could no doubt be rented to advantage for a variety of exhibitions, and would bring in a considerable revenue when rented.

All efforts of the Franklin Institute to meet the necessary payments and interest failed under the stress of the times, and ultimately ended by the Grand Lodge regaining possession of the Chestnut Street property in 1842.

The financial panic of the year 1837, also had a sinister effect upon our Grand Lodge; as many of the Subordinate Lodges owing to the financial crisis and the anti-Masonic agitation throughout the state were unable to meet their obligations to the Grand Lodge, and in many cases surrendered their Warrants; even Lodge No. 2, the oldest Lodge in the state for a time considered the surrendering of the Warrant.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, January 9, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Thos. R. Femyington,	91
Wm. Hutton, S. W.	John Easly,	130
Thos. R. Femyington, J. W. p. t.		
Wm. Ashmead, Treas.		
J. M. Douglass,		
Saml. Ashmead,		

The Entered Apprentice Lodge was opened in ancient form at 6½ o'clock.

The Minutes of Last stated Meeting read and approved.

The E. A. L. closed and the M. M. Lodge opened.

The resignation of Bro. Joseph M. Douglass was received and on motion it was accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock.

WM ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, February 13, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Hutton, W. M. p. t.	Jno. W. Nesbitt,	51
Wm. Ashmead, Secy.	Jno. Welsh,	186
Jos. Burdin.	Chas. Eagan,	186

The Minutes of last stated meeting read and approved.

The Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Sec.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 13, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Adams, W. M. p. t.	Bro. Wm. Adams,	51
Wm. Cummings, S. W.	Enos S. Gandy,	51
Enos S. Gandy, J. W. p. t.	Chalkly Baker,	67
Wm. Ashmead, Sec.	Theo. Smith,	67
Sam. Ashmead, Treas.	France Mahan,	91
Chas. Oat,	Jno. Fuller,	91
Wm. Hutton,	Jno. Bradley,	91
Jos. Burden,	Simon H. Spier,	187
Jno. Keigler,	Chas. Schneider,	71

Jno. Weigler was entered, Passed and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Chas. Oat withdrew his petition for resignation.

Dues collected amounted to Fifty Dollars, and the Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 10, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.

Wm. Cummings, W. M.
Jos. Burden, S. W. p. t.
T. S. Manning, J. W. p. t.
Wm. Ashmead, Secy.

An E. A Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock

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The Minutes of last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Lodg eclosed in harmony at 8½ O'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitor.*
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	R. R. Moore, G. Treas.
R. R. Moore, S. W. p. t.	
Wm. P. Attmore, J. W. p. t.	
Wm. Ashmead, Sec.	

The Minutes of last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Dues were collected and the Lodge closed in harmony at 8¼ o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 12, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	S. M. Stuart,	G. S.
Wm. Hutton, S. W.	L. Fuller,	G. C.
Geo. Carter, J. W. p. t.	Geo. Carter,	No. 3
Wm. Ashmead, Sec.	Wm. Whitney,	No. 51
	Saml. Brown, St. John.	N. B.
	Phillip Collins,	No. 3

An E. A. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8½ O'clock

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The Minutes of last stated meeting were read and adopted.

The Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ before 9 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, July 10, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Wm. Barger,	No. 72
Wm. Hutton, S. W.	Robt. McGrath,	" 72
Geo. Carter, J. W. p. t.	F. I. Fritzgerald,	91
	Wm. J. Vanderbee,	187
	Sol. Cook,	187
	Saml. Yarger,	62
	J. M. Davenport,	59
	Geo. Carter,	3

An Entered A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The resignation of Bro. Wm. Hutton was read and accepted.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.

Signed, WM. BARGER,
Sec. P. T.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, December 11, 1837, A. L. 5837.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Robt. McCulloch,	52
Robt. McCulloch, S. W. p. t.	Pat. Dorff,	52

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Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Jos. Burden, J. W. p. t.	Davis Sinn,	158
Wm. Ashmead, Sec.	J. H. Rhinard,	71
Louis Lowry,	Danl. L. Engleman,	187
Jas. McDonald,	T. S. Manning,	91
Wm. Hutton,	Enos S. Gandy,	59
Saml. Ashmead,	J. D. Moore,	158
Jno. Douglass,	W. H. Adams,	59
Levi, Lingo,		

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 7 o'clock.

This being the night of the Annual election, The Lodge went into an election for Officers, when the following Brethren were duly elected officers of the lodge to serve for one year from St. John's day next,

Bro. Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Wm Ashmead, Sec.
" Saml. Ashmead, S. W.	Joseph Burden, Treas.
" James McDonald, J. W.	

The Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD,
Sec.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, March 12, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members present Five and One Visitor.

The Minutes of stated meeting of Dec. 11, 1837, was read and adopted.

No Lodge has been opened since that time until this evening.

On Motion it was resolved that the Sec. be directed to furnish a list of the members acpt. & that each Bro.

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be notified to attend a special meeting of this lodge for the purpose of acting on the following resolution.

Resolved.—That it is expedient for this Lodge to surrender its warrant.

That Bros. Wm. Cummings, Wm Ashmead and Saml. Ashmead be a com. to receive and collect the dues from the members of this lodge and also to report at the next stated meeting, such members, as they believe deserve expulsion, for none payment.

Resolved.—That the sec. be directed to furnish a list of its members and the acp. of each member of this Lodge.

Resolved.—That the proper officers of this Lodge make an inventory of the property thereof, and surrender the same, with the funds of the Lodge and its Warrant, to the R. W. G. Lodge.

COPY OF PRINTED NOTICE.

Philadelphia, Apl. 4, 1838

Brother

You are requested to meet the brethren of Lodge No. 2 at Masonic Hall, Third Street, on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock, when a proposition to surrender the warrant to the Grand Lodge will be determined.

By Order of the W. M.

WM. ASHMEAD, *Secretary.*

N.B. Your Dues are $——— which if not paid on the next meeting, or some satisfactory reasons for not paying—you will be suspended.

The Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

WM. ASHMEAD, *Secretary.*

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STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, April 9, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*
Bro. Wm Cummings, W. M.	Bro. Jno. Collins,
" L. Keating, S. W. P. T.	" Jno. Bradley,
" Jno. Collins, J. W. P. T.	" Wm. M. Martin,
" Joseph Burden,	" Geo. F. Hailor (late)
" Robt. Davis,	" T. S. Manning.
" Danl. Hotz,	
" Wm P. Altmore,	
" Wm Ashmead,	
" Jno. Douglass,	

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting was read and adopted.

The proposition to surrender the warrant of this Lodge to the R. W. G. Lodge, after much discussion was postponed until our next stated meeting.

A Bill from Bro. T. S. Manning for printing circular notices amounting to One Dollar was read and ordered to be paid.

A Petition for Membership from G. F. Hailer formerly a M. Mason of this Lodge was read and a com. of inquiry apointed consisting of Bros. Keating, Burden and Wm. Ashmead.

The dues was collected amounting to Eleven Dollars & the Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

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STATED MEETING, LODGE NO. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, May 14, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*
Bro. Wm Cummings, W. M.	Bro. Jno Collins,
" L. Keating, S. W. P. T.	" Geo. Thompson,
" Jno. Collins, J. W. P. T.	" Hancock,
" Jos. Burden,	" Mark Grigg.
" Benjn Holbrook	
" David Vondersmith,	
" Jno Stendevans,	
" James Fiaron,	

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock.

The minutes of the last stated meeting was read and adopted.

The proposition to surrender the warrant of this Lodge to the R. W. G. Lodge was postponed.

The Com. to whom was refered the petition for membership of Bro. Geo. T. Hailer reported favourable. the Com. was discharged, the candidate balloted for and duly elected a member of this Lodge.

The dues was collected amounting to $20.75 and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 9¼ o'clock.

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THE third decade of the century 1830–1840 was, as has been shown, the darkest period in the history of Freemasonry in America, and of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular. The loss of their fine hall on Chestnut Street, the delinquency of so many of the Subordinate Lodges, together with the financial panic which swept over the land, ended in a culmination of disaster to many of the Masonic bodies throughout the State.

At the outbreak of the Morgan excitement in 1826 there were one hundred and thirty-one active lodges on the roster of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

During the year 1827 there were four lodges warranted, one of which, however, No. 214, Summit Level Lodge, Head of Conneaut Lake, Erie County, December 2, 1827, was never constituted.

In the year 1828 there was but one Lodge warranted, viz: No. 215, Laurel Lodge, Uniontown, Fayette County, June 2, 1828, but was soon after vacated.

In the two following years, 1829–1830, there were no new Lodges formed in the State. In the next year 1831, a single new Lodge was set up, viz: No. 216, Pulaski Lodge, Pottsville, Schuylkill County, June 6, 1831, which is still as active lodge on the roster. With this single exception no new lodge was warranted during the entire decade 1830–1840.

The following extract from the report read at the

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Centennial Celebration of Lodge No. 2 in 1859 gives us an insight into the conditions during that period of depression.

"But the darkest time in the History of Lodge No. 2 was during the anti-masonic excitement. During the years 1836, 1837 and 1838, the Lodge had frequently to adjourn for want of sufficient members to open, and to the exertions of a few worthy brethren (among whom stands prominent our present well-beloved S. G. W., Brother John Thomson, and to whom the Lodge passed a vote of thanks in December, 1839) to these few is the Lodge indebted for its continued existence. The Grand Secretary, in November, 1838, says "No meetings have been held from July 10, 1837, to December 11, of the same year: nor from December 11, 1837, to March 12, 1838; nor in July of the same year, owing to the non-attendance of the members." The Grand Secretary has, however, great pleasure in stating the fact that a number of young and intelligent Masons are about to join this old and highly respectable member of the Grand Lodge forthwith."

At a stated meeting of Lodge No. 2, held March 12, 1838, there were four members of the lodge present, besides Brother John Thomson, of No. 51, who presided; and it was resolved, That the secretary be directed to furnish a list of the members' accounts, and that each brother be notified to attend a special meeting of this Lodge, for the purpose of acting on the following resolution:

"That it is expedient for this Lodge to surrender its Warrant, and that the proper officers of this Lodge make an inven-

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tory of the property thereof, and surrender the same with the funds of the Lodge and its Warrant to the R. W. Grand Lodge."

This resolution came up for discussion monthly until the stated meeting in September, when the arrangements alluded to in the Grand Secretary's report caused it to be indefinitely postponed.

Brother William Cummings[7] presided as W. M. dur-

[7] William Cummings was, at the time of his death, December 17, 1889, the Senior Past Master. Born in Southwark, Philadelphia, February 6, 1806. His petition was presented March 13, 1826, when he was twenty years of age. His recommenders were P. M. Bro. Joseph Burden, then a member thirty-two years, and Bro. Norris Stanley, then a member for twenty-three years. P. M. Bro. E. T. Weaver, Bros. Nicholas Saring and Chas. Oat were the Committee. He was entered April 10, 1826, passed May 8 and raised August 14, 1826; Junior Warden, December, 1826; Senior Warden, 1827. In the fall of 1828 business required him to be in New Orleans, La., he joined in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in that city. In 1834, Junior Warden, 1835, Senior Warden. During 1837–38–39, which was during the Morgan excitement, he served as Worshipful Master at a time when it required nerve to acknowledge oneself a Mason. At the 125th Anniversary of the Lodge he responded to the toast "Our Veterans." At the November meeting, 1886, he presented the petition of his grandson, now P. M. Norris Stanley Barratt. He was last present in the Lodge, September 16, 1889. He died the following December, in his eighty-third year. From 1840 to 1865 he was a merchant of prominence, owning and operating his own clipper ships over the world, which helped give the port of Philadelphia her deserved prominence. He built and owned the following vessels, *Schooners*, Kathleen and John McCrea. *Brigs*, Baron, Stranger, Pennsylvania, Norris Stanley, Delaware, Joseph Cowperthwait, Emily Cummings, Clara, Huntress and Calvert; *Barques*, Mary Irvine, Cora Linda, Fairmount, Aaron I. Harvey, Ann Elizabeth, and Margaret Hugg; *Ships*, Frigate Bird, and William Cummings. He had extensive trade with the West Indies, Bahia, Rio Janeiro and Montevideo, South America, as well as Goree, Gambia and Sierra Leone, Africa; Hong Kong, China, and San Francisco, California. During the civil war he was an active member of the Union League and helped to equip the 118 Penna. Volunteers, or Corn Exchange Regiment for the field. He was a director of the Girard National Bank, Commercial Exchange Ass'n, Insurance Co. of North America, Huntingdon &

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ing all this time of trial and to his exertions, aided by Brothers Thomson, Barger and a few other good Masons, are we indebted for the present existence of Lodge No. 2.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, June 11, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*
Bro. Wm. Cummings, W. M.	Bro. Jno. Collins, No. 187
" Jos Burden, S. W. P.T.	" Wm M. Martin 3
" Jno Collins, J. W. P. T.	" Geo. Thompson, 3
" Beny. Holbrook,	
" Levi Lingo,	

An E. A. M. Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 o'clock

The Minutes of the last stated meeting was read and adopted.

The resolution was not acted on this evening.

The Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

STATED MEETING, LODGE No. 2, A. Y. M.

Philadelphia, August 13, 1838, A. L. 5838.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*
Bro. Wm Cummings, W. M.	Bro. Jno. Goodman, No. 52
" Hancock, S. W. P. T.	" Hancock, " 67
	" Robt. R. Porter, 172
	" Mark Grigg, 72

Broad Top R. R. Co., Trustee of City Ice boats, manager of the Howard Hospital and Merchants Fund of which he was one of the founders, vestryman of St. Paul's Church, a prominent Mason and a member of Lodge No. 2 for 63 years preceding his death, December 17, 1889. He is buried in his vault in St. Paul's Church yard.

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No Lodge was opened in July,

A Petition for membership from Bro. Jno. I. Haswell, was read and a Com. of Inquiry appointed consisting of Bros. W. Ashmead, Holbrook and Lingo and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 8½ o'clock.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1838.

Present 6 members & 11 visitors.

"The proposition to surrender the warrant of this Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge, was indefinitely Postponed."

John J. Haswell Duly elected a member of this Lodge.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 8, 1838.

Present 4 members & 5 visitors.

Members Present.	*Visitors.*	
Bro. Snyder, W. M. p. t.	Bro. Gatzell,	No. 91
" Taylor, S. W. p. t.	" M. Grigg,	" 72
" Thompson, J. W. p. t.	" Flett,	125
" John J. Haswell,	" Snyder,	71
	" Taylor,	9

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 1838

Present 12 members & 18 visitors

Geo D. Haswell, Entered

The R. W. Grand Master, and his Grand Officers, made an official visit to the Lodge this evening.

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STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 1838

Present 8 members & 5 visitors

Brs Burden & Holbrook, Tellers, reported the following duly elected, Viz.

Br Wm Cummings, W. M.
" Lambert Keating, S. W.
" J. J. Hoswelt, J. W.
" Benjn Holbrook, Treasurer.
" Wm Ashmead, Secretary

The W. M. duly installed

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 7, 1839

Present 5 members & 6 visitors

Br John J. Hoswelt, installed, J. W.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 1839

Present 8 members & 13 visitors

John Collins, Elected a member

Br Geo D. Haswell, Raised

STATED MEETING, MARCH 11, 1839

Present 6 members & 18 visitors

Eight petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 8, 1839

Present 13 members & 21 visitors

John C. Kartcher, Joseph T. Murphy, Nicholas H. Maguire & John Clement, Entered.

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R. Wilson DeSilver, Saml S. Kelly, Ambrose J. White, and Wm Young, Elected members.

STATED MEETING, MAY 13, 1839

Present 16 members & 26 visitors

By dispensation, R. Wilson DeSilver, Saml S. Kelly, Ambrose J. White and Wm Young, Passed to the Chair.

Br Nicholas H. Maguire, Crafted.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, JUNE 10, 1839

Present 12 members & 41 visitors

Br Nicholas H. Maguire, Raised

David Martin, & Wm Lloyd, Entered

James Hoy Jr. Elected a member.

Brs Joseph T. Murphy & J. Clement, Crafted

STATED MEETING, JULY 8, 1839

Present 17 members & 22 visitors

By dispensation from the R. W. Grand Lodge, an E. A. M. Lodge was opened at 5 Oclock

Brs David Martin, Wm Lloyd & John C. Kartcher, Crafted.

Saml Baldwin, Chas Keck, & Edgar Shiver, Entered. Robert Magrath, Elected a member.

Brs J. T. Murphy, & J. Clement, Raised

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STATED MEETING, AUGUST 12, 1839

Present 13 members & 16 visitors
Br Wm H. Lloyd, Raised
Br Samuel Baldwin, Crafted.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1839

Present 18 members & 13 visitors
Wm Robinson, Entered
Br Saml Baldwin, Raised
The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 1839

Present 11 members & 16 visitors
The Resignation of Jesse R. Burden, was accepted.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 11, 1839

Present 17 members & 9 visitors
Br John C. Kartcher, Raised.
The resignation of Br Geo D. Hoswell, was accepted.
Brs Edgar Shiver, & Wm Robinson, Crafted

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 9, 1839

Present 17 members & 48 visitors
The resignation of J. W. Brown, was accepted
John Perry, Entered
The following resolutions were adopted.
Resolved. "That a vote of thanks (be passed) to Br John Thomson of Lodge No 51, for his Brotherly conduct towards us during the present Masonic Year, in

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assisting us in our labours, and that the Secty be directed to present him with a copy of the same."

Brs Burden & Katcher, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz. Br John Collins, W.M. Br R. Wilson DeSilver, S.W. Br Ambrose J. White, J.W. Br Benjn Holbrook, Treasurer & Br Wm Ashmead Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 13, 1840

Present 14 members & 17 visitors

Officers installed

Edwin G. Shedaker, Entered.

Constant Guillou, Approved

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 5, 1839

The resignations of Brs Sam'l Ashmead & Wm Young were accepted.

Br John Parry, Crafted.

Br Wm Robinson, Raised

The sum of 15 dollars granted for Charity

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments, Viz. Br Saml S. Kelly, S.D. Br Nicholas H. Maguire, J.D. Br Samuel Baldwin, S.M.C. Br John C. Kartcher, J.M.C. and Br Chas Schneider, Tyler.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 1840

Present 7 members & 7 visitors

Br Edwin G. Shedaker, Crafted.

The sum of 5 dollars, granted for Charity

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STATED MEETING, MARCH 9, 1840

Present 11 members & 3 visitors
Edward Springer, Elected a member
Brs E. G. Shedaker & Perry, Raised.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 13, 1840

Present 7 members & 12 visitors

STATED MEETING, MAY 11, 1840

Present 15 members & 21 visitors
Constant Gillou, Entered
Br Edgar Shivers, Raised
By dispensation Br Geo C. Walker a M. M. of Lodge No 22 Sunberry, Passed to the Chair.
The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, JUNE 8, 1840

Present 12 members & 10 visitors
Br Constant Gillou, Crafted

STATED MEETING, JULY 13, 1840

Present 5 members & 8 visitors
"No Business before the Lodge, it closed in Harmony at ¼ past 8 Oclock."

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 10, 1840

Present 7 members & 9 visitors
Br John J. Haswell, Resigned

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STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1840

Present 4 members & 10 visitors

Br Constant Guillou, Raised

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 12, 1840

Present 10 members & 11 visitors

Ashbel Green, James D. Wetham & Isaac M. Moss, Entered.

"The following preamble and resolutions unanimously passed.

Where-as the Meeting of this Lodge have not been attended, with that punctuality promised at the time of joining the institution, and that unless more attention be paid, to the Order by its members, it cannot flourish.

Remember this is the oldest Lodge in the State of Pennsylvania, and I may say, as respectable as any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge,

We there-fore hope that our Brethren will Help, Aid, and Assist in preserving, not only its respectability, but its interests." Resolved,

"That the Secretary notify each Member at the next stated Meeting of a special request on the part of the Lodge, that he be punctual in attendance."

Resolved, that the Secty be instructed to furnish each Member, (who is in arrears over one year) with his account and request him to appear at the next Stated Meeting.

If this is not attended to such non-attending Brother,

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to be cited under the seal of the Lodge, to come forward and show cause, why he shall not be suspended for non-payment of dues."

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 1840

Present 6 members & 8 visitors

Brs Moss & Green, Crafted.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 14, 1840

Present 26 members & 27 visitors

Br Moss, Raised

Brs Burden & Cummings, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz.

Br R. Wilson DeSilver, W. M.

" Ambrose J. White, S.W. Br Saml S. Kelly, J.W. Br Constant Gillou, Treasurer, Br John Collins, Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 11, 1841

Present 13 members & 23 visitors

Br J. D. Wetham, Crafted

Br Constant Gillou, Treasurer, and John Collins, Secretary, duly installed

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments Viz

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STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 1841

Present 11 members & 10 visitors

Br Ashbel Green, Raised

Br Ambrose J. White, was duly installed, S. W. and Br Samuel S. Kelly, J. W.

Br James McDonald's resignation accepted.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 8, 1841

Present 8 members & 14 visitors

The resignation of Br James Hoy Jr. was read, and on motion accepted, he being about to leave the City.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 12, 1841

Present 8 members & 3 visitors

A petition for initiation and membership was received this evening.

STATED MEETING, MAY 10, 1841

Present 10 members & 6 visitors

John S. Markley, Elected a member.

STATED MEETING, JUNE 14, 1841

Present 10 members & 6 visitors

STATED MEETING, JULY 12, 1841

Present 8 members & 5 visitors

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STATED MEETING, AUGUST 9, 1841

Present 6 members & 2 visitors

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1841

Present 6 members & 6 visitors

The Secretary not being present no minutes were read, and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 8¼ Oclock.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 1841

Present 7 members & 4 visitors

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 1841

Present 8 members & 6 visitors

The resignation of Br Wm Cummings was accepted.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 1841

Present 15 members & 22 visitors

Thomas Doron, Entered

Brs Holbrook & Moss, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz.

Br R. Wilson DeSilver, W. M.
" Constant Guillou, S. W.
" Ashbel Green, J. W.
" Isaac M. Moss, Treasurer
" John Collins, Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed

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STATED MEETING, JANUARY 10, 1842

Present 7 members & 7 visitors
Br Thomas Doron, Crafted
Officers duly installed

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 14, 1842

Present 7 members & 11 visitors
Br Thomas Doron, Raised

STATED MEETING, MARCH 14, 1842

Present 11 members & 28 visitors.
Joseph C. Burden, Entered.
Br Jas D. Netham, Raised
Five members were suspended this evening for non-payment of dues.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 11, 1842

Present 8 members & 8 visitors
Br J. C. Burden, Crafted.

STATED MEETING, MAY 9, 1842.

Present 5 members & 4 visitors.
"The Committee appointed to inquire into the qualifications of Chas Guillou, M. D. and applicant for Initiation and membership, Report favourable to his Prayer, the Candidate was ballotted for and unanimously approved."

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STATED MEETING, JUNE 13, 1842.

Present 4 members & 12 visitors.

Charles Guillou, Entered.

The resignations of Brs Geo McKeown, and Benjn Holbrook, were accepted.

STATED MEETING, JULY 11, 1842.

Present 5 members & 5 visitors.

"Two Names were announced requesting to be examined.

A Committee being appointed, reported they were unable to work themselves in."

Br Chas Guillou, Crafted.

Br Isaac M. Moss, Treasurer, resigned.

"The W. M. appointed Thos Doron as Treas^r Pro Tem. untill St Johns day next."

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 8, 1842.

Present 4 members & 3 visitors.

Br Sanno, Reinstated.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1842.

Present 5 members & 14 visitors.

Br Chas Guillou, Raised.

Visitation of the R. W. G. M. and his Grand Officers.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 10, 1842.

Present 6 members & 5 visitors.

Two petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

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STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 1842.

Present 9 members & 13 visitors.

James A. Richardson and W. N. Woodcock Entered.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 12, 1842.

Present 10 members & 7 visitors.

Brs De Silver & Ashmead, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz.

Bro. Constant Guillou, W. M.
" Asbel Green, S. W.
" Thomas Doron, J. W.
" William Robinson, Treasurer.
" R. Wilson DeSilver, Secretary.

EXTRA MEETING, DECEMBER 26, 1842.

Present 4 members.

The W. M. duly installed.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 9, 1843.

Present 7 members & 7 visitors.

Br J. A. Richardson, Raised.

Officers installed.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 1843.

Present 6 members & 5 visitors.

"On motion of Br Doron, the following resolution, was offered and adopted, Resolved, That the Officers of this Lodge be instructed to confer with Officers of other Lodges, to devise and bring before the Grand Lodge

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some plan for a Masonic Library and Lecture, with a Reading and Conversation Room."

STATED MEETING, MARCH 3, 1843.

Present 5 members & 2 visitors.

"Any Master Mason a Member of this Lodge, in good standing, may upon petition become a Life Member, upon his paying, Thirty Dollars, into the Lodge, he shall be entitled to a Certificate thereof, the Resolution being seconded, it laid over according to our By Laws."

STATED MEETING, APRIL 10, 1843.

Present 4 members & 10 visitors.

By dispensation, J. E. Richardson, Passed to the Chair.

"A Communication was received from Br Green, regretting that his Impaired health, still prevented him from leaving his house after Sun down, and thus precluded his attendance at the Meetings of this Lodge, and that the same might be entered upon the minutes to prevent a supposition that the S. W. of this Lodge absented himself without Sufficient Cause, accepted and ordered to be placed on the minutes."

STATED MEETING, MAY 8, 1843.

Present 6 members & 4 visitors.

"On motion Br John Simns, was reinstated a Member of this Lodge."

"A resignation from Br John Simns was received,

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and according to the By Laws, laid over untill our next stated night of meeting."

STATED MEETING, JUNE 12, 1843.

Present 7 members & 6 visitors.
The resignation of Br J. Simns was accepted.
Br Woodcock, Crafted.

STATED MEETING, JULY 10, 1843.

Present 7 members & 5 visitors.

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 14, 1843.

Present 8 members & 7 visitors.
Br W. N. Woodcock, Raised.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1843.

Present 6 members & 6 visitors.
Samuel Robinson, Entered.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 1843.

Present 6 members & 9 visitors.
Br Samuel Robinson, Crafted.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 1843.

Present 5 members & 4 visitors.
Br Samuel Robinson, Raised.
"On motion made and seconded that Br Lambert Keatting be placed on half dues."
Eight members suspended for non-payment of dues.

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STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 1843.

Present 7 members & 2 visitors.

"The following Communication was received from the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Monday Dec 4th 1843

The following Resolution Offered by Br John Thompson, on the 16th of October, was called up, and unanimously adopted to wit.

Resolved

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that all Subordinate Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, *should Hold their Meetings and Transact all Business, except the Conferring of the lower Degrees, Lecturing thereon, and Election for Officers, in a Lodge of Master Masons.*"

"When on motion duly made and seconded, it was Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to each Subordinate Lodge, a Copy of the above Resolutions"

Extract from the minutes

WM H. ADAMS
Grand Secretary

Dec 5th 1843.

This night being the Anniversary of our election for Officers, the following Brethren were unanimously elected, to serve for the ensuing Year, from St Johns day next, Viz. Br Constant Guillou, Re-elected W. M. Br Charles Guillou, S. W. Br J. E. Richardson, J. W. Br Wm Robinson Treasurer, & Br R. Wilson De Silver, Secretary.

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Br Constant Guillou, was installed W. M. of this Lodge, to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, and Br James E. Richardson as J. W.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 8, 1844.

Present 6 members.

Br John Collins, was reinstated a member of this Lodge.

Officers duly installed.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 1844.

Present 6 members & 6 visitors.

The resignation of Br John C. Kartcher, was accepted.

Nine petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

"On motion made and seconded, that our stated night of meeting, be changed from the second Monday, to the second Friday of the Month, and that our Meetings shall take place in the Small Room, of this Building, generally known as the Mark Chapter Room, Instead of the one now used. On Motion made and seconded, that the Secty be authorized to send Notices to the Members of this Lodge, calling them together, on the 27th of this Month, at 5 O'clock, P.M. for the purpose of sanctioning the change according to the Ahiman Rezon, of the Grand Lodge."

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SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 27, 1844.

Present 4 members.

"Br Charles Guillou, having stated to the Lodge the object of this special Meeting, On Motion made and seconded, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, Resolved,

That the Stated Meeting of this Lodge take place here-after, on the second Friday of each Month, instead of the second Monday, as here-fore. Resolved That the Stated Meeting of this Lodge take place here-after in the small room of this Masonic Hall, Instead of the Lodge Room as here-before."

STATED MEETING, MARCH 11, 1844.

Present 7 members & 5 visitors.

The following Brethren were separately and unanimously elected members of this Lodge, Viz. George W. Chambers, Andrew Flick, Jacob Gumple, Henry Wilkinson, R. E. Welsh, E. A. Carroll, Aaron Samuels, Moses Sternberger, M. J. Vanderslice.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 12, 1844.

Present 7 members & 6 visitors.

A. J. Frick, Wm Albertson, Lewis Fayette, and Charles Hortz, Entered.

Three petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

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STATED MEETING, MAY 10, 1844.

Present 9 members & 1 visitor.

Br A. J. Frick, Crafted.

A petition for initiation and membership was received this evening.

STATED MEETING, JUNE 14, 1844.

Present 12 members & 19 visitors.

Br A. J. Frick, Raised.

Brs Albertson & Fayette, Crafted.

A. M. Cristalar, Henry Lelar, Jos F. Taylor, & Samuel Norris, Elected members of this Lodge.

STATED MEETING, JULY 12, 1844.

Present 12 members & 7 visitors.

John Riley, Elected a member.

John Riley, Entered.

"On motion of Br Chambers, the Secty be requested to write a letter of Condolence to the Widow, of our deceased Br Charles Schneider, and the same to be signed by the Officers."

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 9, 1844.

Present 10 members & 10 visitors.

Wm Williams, Entered.

Br Albertson, Raised.

The Resignation of Br Woodcock, was accepted.

Morris Hess, Elected a member.

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SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 30, 1844.

Present 11 members & 10 visitors.

By dispensation, Jacob Katz, E. P. R.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1844.

Present 10 members & 14 visitors.

Br W. Williams, Crafted.

Six petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 1844.

Present 8 members & 12 visitors.

Moses Abraham, Albert Lehman, Jos D. Chew, John M. Gummey and Wm Cole, Elected members of this Lodge.

Albert Lehman & J. D. Chew, Entered.

Br Riley, Crafted.

Br Wm Williams, Raised.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 1844.

Present 11 members & 8 visitors.

Br Lehman, Crafted.

Moses Abraham, Entered.

Br Riley, Raised.

"On motion of Br Chambers, the following Resolutions, were read and accepted, and ordered to lay over until our next Stated Meeting. Resolved,

With the approval of the Grand Lodge, That after

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St Johns day, next, this Lodge hold its meetings in the Grand Lodge Room, on the 3rd Monday of each Month. Resolved,

That the 1st Article of the By Laws Reading 2nd Friday, be altered to read 3rd Monday."

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 1844.

Present 29 members & 22 visitors.

"The following Grand Communication from the Grand Lodge, was read and ordered to be filed, Viz.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

QUARTERLY GRAND COMMUNICATION

PHILADELPHIA Monday Dec 2nd/44

A Communication was received and read, from Lodge No 2, requesting permission to hold the Stated Meetings of said Lodge, after St Johns day next, on the Third Monday, of the Month, instead of the second Friday, and in the Grand Lodge Room,—also that the 1st Article of the By Laws, reading second Friday, be so altered, as to read Third Monday. When on motion duly made, and seconde, it was resolved, That the Request of Lodge No 2, be granted."

Extract from the minutes

WM H ADAMS
Grand Secretary.

This being our night for the Annual Election for Officers, A Master Masons Lodge closed, and an E. A Lodge opened. When the following was the result.

Bro. James E. Richardson, W. M.
" Aaron Samuels, S. W.
" Jacob Gumpel, J. W.
" William Robinson, Treasurer.
" Henry Lelar, Secretary

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The W. M. duly installed

R. T. Switser, and W. C. Edwards, Elected members of this Lodge.

"It being in order, the two Resolutions of Br Chambers offered in November, were again read, and on Motion made and seconded, Adopted."

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 20, 1845.

Present 16 members & 16 visitors.

Joseph F. Taylor, Entered.

Br Moses Abraham, Crafted.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

Officers duly installed.

The W. M. announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic Year, Viz. (Br Moses Sternberger, and Br A. T. Flick,) Committee on Charity.

Bro. James E. Richardson, S. D.
" Moses Sternberger, J. D.
" A. M. Christaller, S. M. C.
" Morris Hess, J. M. C.
" Wm B. Schneider, Tyler.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 1845.

Present 18 members & 28 visitors.

Br Samuel C. Robinson's Resignation accepted.

R. T. Switser, Entered.

The R. W. G. M. accompanied by his Grand Officers, made his Grand Visitation to the Lodge.

Ten members suspended for non-payment of dues.

Br Moses Abraham, Raised.

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"Br Wm Cole, being about to leave the City, desired to withdraw from the Lodge, and having complied with the provisions of the By Laws, Article 10, it was on motion Resolved that his request be granted, his Resignation accepted, and that he be recommended to the Grand Lodge for a Certificate."

STATED MEETING, MARCH 17, 1845.

Present 16 members & 16 visitors.

Br Albert Lehman, Raised.

Br Switser, Crafted.

Br Constant Guillou, Resigned.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 21, 1845.

Present 11 members & 10 visitors.

The Resignation of Br Constant Guillou was accepted.

Br Lewis Fayette, Raised.

STATED MEETING, MAY 19, 1845.

Present 16 members & 12 visitors.

Chauncey Bulkley, Entered.

Br R. T. Switser, Raised.

STATED MEETING, JUNE 16, 1845.

Present 9 members & 11 visitors.

P. Fridenberg Approved.

Br C. Bulkley Crafted.

S. E. Hilsee Entered.

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STATED MEETING, JULY 21, 1845.

Present 15 members & 16 visitors.

Br S. E. Hilsee, Crafted.

Five petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1845.

Present 14 members & 26 visitors.

Wm H. Clark, Wm Cox & Adolph Briger, Entered.

The sum of 3 dollars granted for Charity.

"The Resignation of Br R. E. Welsh, was received, who stated that he was about to leave the City, and having paid his dues in full, his resignation was accepted."

Joseph Davis, Approved.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1845.

Present 10 members & 13 visitors.

Br S. E. Hilsee, Raised.

M. Clifton, Joseph Davis, & Edward Schlemm, Entered.

Br A. Briger, Crafted.

The following Brethren having complied with the provisions of the By Laws, their resignations were accepted, Viz Levi Lingo, H. Wilkinson, Chas Hortz, John Riley, M. Vanderslice & G. W. Chambers.

Three petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

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STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 1845.

Present 12 members & 12 visitors.

Henry Wilkins, Entered.

Brs C. Cox, Wm H. Clark, M. Clifton & J. Davis, Crafted.

Br A. Briger, Raised.

The Resignations of Brs J. Douglass, and M. Christaller, were accepted.

The sum of 12 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 17, 1845.

Present 14 members & 16 visitors.

The Resignations of Brs S. Kelly, and E. A. Carroll, were accepted.

Br W. H. Cox, Raised.

Lewis Cleve, Entered.

Br Henry Wilkins, Crafted.

Brs M. Clifton, J. Davis, and Wm H. Clark, Raised.

Two petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 1845

Present 22 members & 20 visitors

Brs N. H. Maguire & Samuel Norriss, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz

Br Aaron Samuels, W. M.

Br Jacob Gumple, S.W. Br N. H. Maguire, J.W. Br Wm Robertson, Treasurer, and Br Henry Lelar, Secretary.

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The Fourth Decade

WITH the beginning of the fourth decade (1840) of the last century the firmament of the Masonic horizon commenced to lighten, the dark clouds of antimasonry which for the past ten years had darkened the Masonic sky, had began to scatter and eventually vanished into oblivion to become nothing more than a memory or a blot upon our local political history.

In the year 1840 there stood but forty-five Subordinate Lodges upon our register. No less than eighty-six lodges appear to have succumbed to the insane excitement and political agitation, known as Antimasonry.

The first Lodge to be warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania after the anti-masonic venom had subsided was No. 218, Honesdale Lodge, Honesdale, Wayne County, September 4, 1843.

It was, however, not until the year 1846, that it may be said that the anti-agitation had subsided. This is shown by the phœnix-like revival of the Masonic fraternity throughout the State not alone were petitions for new Lodges presented, but many of the Lodges who had surrendered their warrants during the excitement gradually sent petitions to the Grand Lodge for reinstatement. During the year 1846, four new Lodges were set up in different parts of the State, viz:

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No. 219, St. John's Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, March 2, 1846.

No. 220, Portage Lodge, Hollidaysburg, Blair County, September 7, 1846.

No. 221, Franklin Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, September 7, 1846.

No. 222, Minersville, Schuylkill County, September 6, 1846.

During the year 1847 four more new Lodges were added to the Roster:

No. 223, Allegheny Lodge, Allegheny City, Allegheny County, September 6, 1847.

No. 224, Mahoning now Danville Lodge, Danville, Montour County, September 6, 1847.

No. 225, Philanthropy Lodge, Greensburg, Westmoreland County, September 6, 1847.

No. 226, Mount Lebanon Lodge, Lebanon, Lebanon County, December 27, 1847.

Followed by eleven in the next year:

No. 227, Chandler Lodge, Reading, Berks County, March 6, 1848.

No. 228, Fayette Lodge, Uniontown, Fayette County, March 6, 1848.

No. 229, Rochester Lodge, Rochester, Beaver County, March 6, 1848.

No. 230, Richmond Lodge, Philadelphia, March 6, 1848.

No. 231, Solomon's Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, March 6, 1848.

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No. 232, La Belle Vallee Lodge, Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, March 6, 1848.

No. 233, St. John's Lodge, Pittston, Luzerne County, March 6, 1848.

No. 234, Meadville now Crawford Lodge, Meadville, Crawford County, September 4, 1848.

No. 225, Presque Isle Lodge, Erie, Erie County, December 27, 1848.

No. 236, Chester Lodge, Chester, Delaware County, December 4, 1848.

No. 237, Chandler Lodge, Washington, now Beallsville, Washington County, December 4, 1848.

Five more were added to the Roster in 1849.

No. 238, Tamaqua Lodge, Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, June 4, 1849.

No. 239, Armstrong Lodge, Freeport, Armstrong County, March 5, 1849.

No. 240, Warren Lodge, Montrose, Susquehanna County, June 4, 1849.

No. 241, North Star Lodge, Warren, Warren County, June 4, 1849.

No. 243, Mahoning Lodge, New Castle, Lawrence County, December 17, 1849.

The abandonment of the Chestnut Street Hall and the occupation of Washington Hall on Third Street proved to be but a temporary episode in the history of the Grand Lodge. The craft, more fortunate than the Franklin Institute, had weathered the storm, both

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anti-Masonic and financial, and by the inability of the Franklin Institute to comply with their obligations, the title of the Chestnut Street Hall in 1841 again rested in the Grand Lodge.

The Fraternity, however, did not again occupy the old building for Masonic purposes. One reason for this was that, during the past six years, the rooms in the building had been rented out indiscriminately by the new owners, so that by the time of its reconveyance, it had become a place of a somewhat doubtful reputation.

After regaining possession the Grand Lodge at once took means to rent the building to responsible and respectable parties, as shown by following report made by the Committee on Finance, at the Grand Quarterly Communication, December 5, 1849, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned respectfully reports that since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge he has, with the advice of the Grand Officers, rented the Room in the Chestnut Street Hall, known as the Chapter room to the Commissioners of the County of Philadelphia for the purpose of holding a court of Justice, at a rent of 500$ per annum and that he has rented the refreshment room for a public school room at a yearly rent of 200$ there has also been rented one of the back rooms on the Second floor as a private School Room at 100$ per annum. The Gas Company Still occupy the Workshop in Lodge St. at a yearly rent of 175$ making the permanent rent of the premises in all 975$ perannum.

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As the resolutions of the Grand Lodge restrict the Grand Treasurer from renting for a longer period than three months without their approbation, he now respectfully asks the approval of the Grand Lodge to the foregoing arrangement.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOHN THOMSON, *Gr. Treas.*

During the interval while the Grand Lodge occupied the Washington Hall on Third Stret, four stores were erected in front of the old hall on Chestnut Street, as shown by the Records of the Grand Lodge.

The following letter was received and read at the Quarterly Grand Communication held Sept. 7, 1846.

When on motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved, that it be referred to a Special Committee of five.

The Right Worshipful G. Master was pleased to appoint on the above Bros. C. Stevenson, P. G. M., James Hutchinson, Michael Bouvier, Jacob Steiner & George Smith, Committee.

October 5, 1846, a Special Grand Communication was held to take into consideration the report of above committee on the proposition for improving in front of the Chestnut Street Hall.[8]

The following report was received & read, viz:

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNS[a].

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition and plan of Brother William S. Shultz for improving in front of the Chestnut S[t] Hall.

[8] Reprint of Minutes, Vol. VII, p. 377.

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Report, That after several Meetings and a careful examination of the subject they are unanimously of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Grand Lodge to enter into an engagement with Bro. Shultz for the Building of Four Stores on the vacant ground in front of the Masonic Hall Chestnut Street upon the principle & according to the plan herewith submitted in a substantial manner & of the best materials he giving satisfactory security for the faithful performance of the Contract, the said stores to be erected without any cost to the Grand Lodge and Brother Shultz to receive all the rental thereof for three Years from the time of their being finished which is to be on or before the first day of March, 1847, the rent from that time until the expiration of his lease to be received by Mr. E Peale as a full consideration for the surrender of the ground to be occupied by the said erections, the additional taxes on said improvement to be paid by Bro. Shultz and Mr. E. Peale according to the arrangement between them, therefore offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of 5 be appointed for the purpose of making a contract with Bro. Shultz for the erection of the above stores, said committee in entering into the contract to carefully guard the interests of the Grand Lodge by Securing the Erection of Substantial Buildings of the best Material & Workmanship and finished in all their details the material of the best kind and the specifications to be full and complete with ample security for the performance of the contract. The specifications and security to be satisfactory to the said committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. C. Stevenson,
George Smith,
Jacob Steiner, *Committee.*

Phil., Octor 5, 1846.

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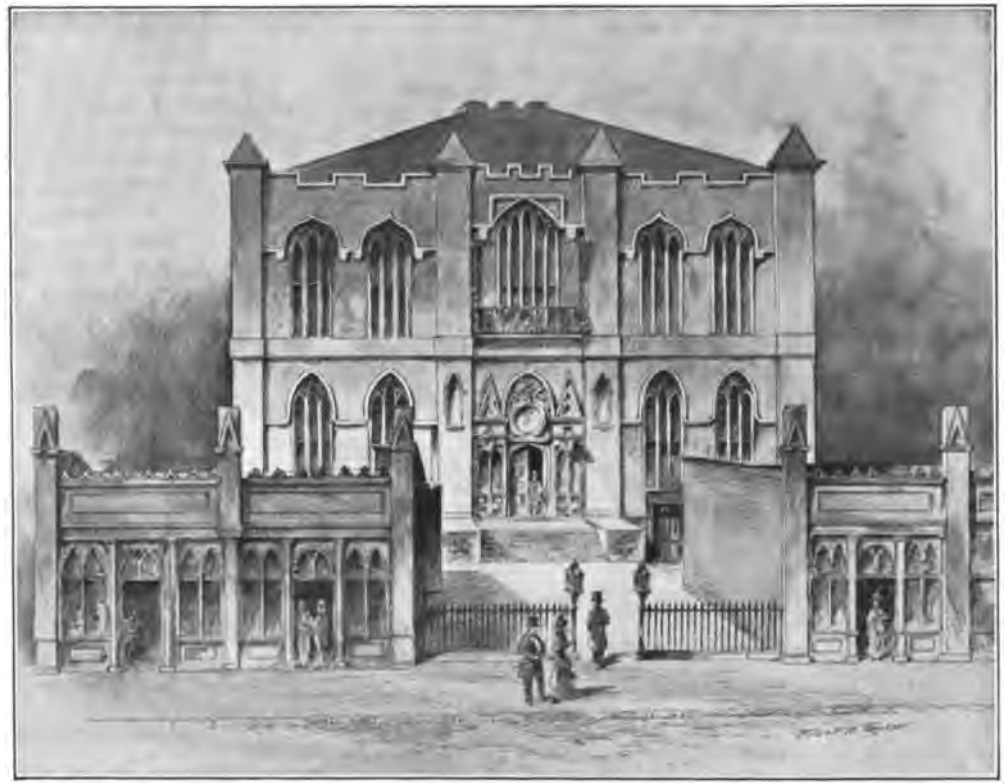

THE MASONIC HALL (CHESTNUT STREET) AS IT WAS 1846-1853.

SHOWING THE FOUR STORES BUILT BY BRO. WILLIAM S. SHULTZ, W. M., No. 180, IN 1846.

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Bro. Wm. S. Shultz's Offer

To William H. Adams.

Dr. Sir & Bro.,

Allow me through you to present to the Notice of the Grand Lodge a proposition to improve the front of our Hall on Chestnut Street by which it will be much beautified and afford a fine revenue to the Grand Lodge without any expense on their part.

I propose to build Four Stores on the front, two next the East Line and two next the West line leaving a large and spacious entrance to the Main door way of about 30 feet according to a plan which accompanies this. The stores will be 18 feet front by 36 ft. deep leaving 12 feet between the rear of stores and front of Building or Hall. There will be two windows and a door to each front, one door and window in the Back, a good Cellar beneath them for packages, &c., the walls to be of Brick 9 in. thick, the roof of Metal, the fronts finished in the Gothic Style with Plate Glass in the windows and doors, the whole outside appearance to correspond in finish to the front of the Hall as reference to the drawing will shew. I will to erect the 4 Stories and pay myself out of the rents and deliver them at the end of three Years from completion to the Grand Lodge free of all incumbrances. they will be an ornament to the Hall and add much to its appearance while they will yield a fine revenue to the Grand Lodge without any outlay on their part. If you will lay this before the G. Lodge you will oblige

Yours frater., &c

William S. Shultz, *W. M., No. 130.*

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STATED MEETING, JANUARY 19, 1846

Present 11 members & 19 visitors

Officers duly installed.

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity.

The W. M. made the following appointments

Br A. J. Flick, S.D.

Br P. Fridenberg, J.D. Br Saml Norriss, S.M.C. Br J. Davis, J.M.C. & Wm B Schneider, Tyler.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 1846

Present 12 members & 18 visitors

"Committee to examine the Treasurer's account report that they had performed the duty assigned them, the account was correct and that there remained a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $267.90/100."

STATED MEETING, MARCH 16, 1846

Present 15 members & 28 visitors

STATED MEETING, APRIL 20, 1846

Present 12 members & 12 visitors

The Resignation of Br L. Fayette accepted

Solomon Isaacs, & Isaac Hassler, Entered.

"The W. M. called the attention of the Lodge, to the delapidated state of the Regalia, that it required refitting, or a new set entirely. Where upon it was, Resolved,

That a committee of three be appointed to procure a New Set. Brs Lelan, Clifton, & Robinson, Committee."

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STATED MEETING, MAY 18, 1846

Present 10 members & 10 visitors

"A Regalia was exhibited and examined by the Brethren, where-upon it was, Resolved, that we purchase the same from Br Davis, and that his bill amounting to $96.25 cts be paid, and that the Committee appointed at the last meeting be discharged."

STATED MEETING, JUNE 15, 1846

Present 12 members & 8 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 2, 1846

Present 7 members & 6 visitors

By dispensation James Barnes, E. P. R.

STATED MEETING, JULY 20, 1846

Present 13 members.

The Resignation of Br R. Wilson DeSilver was accepted.

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 17, 1846

Present 9 members

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1846

Present 11 members

By dispensation Br J. Davis, Passed to the Chair.

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STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 1846

Present 9 members.

The sum of 6 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 16, 1846

Present 13 members.

Br I. Hassler, Raised

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 21, 1846

Present 16 members & 17 visitors

Brs Richardson & C. Bulckly, Tellers, reported the following elected, Viz.

Br Jacob Gumple, W. M.
" Nicholas H. Maguire, S. W.
" William Robertson, J. W.
" James E. Richardson, Treasurer.
" Chauncey Bulckly, Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 18, 1847

Present 10 members & 21 visitors

Officers duly installed

The sum of 8 dollars granted for Charity

The W. M. made the following appointments, Viz.

Br Peter Friedenberg, S. D.
" Gilbert Hilsee, J. D.
" Gilbert Davis, S. M. C. Br M. Clifton, J. M. C. & Wm B. Schneider, Tyler.

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STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 1847

Present 8 members & 10 visitors

"Petition of Constant Guillou to be re-admitted to the Order, read."

STATED MEETING, MARCH 15, 1847

Constant Guillou, elected a member.

"Br James Page, R. W. G. M. accompanied by his Grand Officers, favoured the Lodge with a Grand Visitation, and delivered an eloquent address, setting forth in the most impressive manner, the beauties of the Order, and the duties that Brethren owe to one another."

STATED MEETING, MAY 17, 1847

Present 5 members & 11 visitors

"Lodge on motion desired and ordered, That the Secretary spread on these minutes, the reason why the Stated Meeting of this Lodge, was not held in the Month of April, as usal,—which was done."

STATED MEETING, JUNE 21, 1847

Present 9 members & 23 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The sum of 3 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, JULY 19, 1847

Present 12 members & 6 visitors

Br Lambert Keatting's resignation accepted, and dues remitted.

The sum of 13 dollars granted for Charity.

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STATED MEETING, AUGUST 16, 1847

Present 14 members & 11 visitors

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 1847

Present 9 members & 5 visitors

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 1847

Present 7 members & 6 visitors

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 15, 1847

Present 12 members & 12 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 20, 1847

Present 13 members & 15 visitors

Five petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening

The sum of 28 dollars granted for Charity

Lodge proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year, being 12 Months from St Johns day next, whereupon the following were elected, Viz

Br Nicholas H. Maguire, W. M.
" William Robertson, S. W.
" Maurice Hess, J. W.
" James E. Richardson, Treasurer.
" Chauncey Bulckly, Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed

Dues received amounting $65- 75 cts and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 9¼ Oclock, P.M.

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STATED MEETING, JANUARY 17, 1848

Present 13 members & 9 visitors

The sum of 6 dollars granted for Charity

Officers duly installed

The W. M. made the following appointments Viz. Br Pharez Freidenberg, S.D. Br Henry T. Grout, J.D. Br James Whetham, S.M.C. Br Wm L. Kite, J.M.C. Br Wm B. Schneider, Tyler.

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 21, 1848

Present 9 members & 27 visitors

Minutes of last Meeting approved and adopted.

"Bill of Grand Lodge for 1847 amounting to $152. was read and ordered to be paid."

Committee on Charity, Brs Graham, Robertson, & Samuels.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 20, 1848

Present 9 members & 23 visitors

"The deceased of Br Enoch Carter, being announced by the W. M. Resolved, That this Lodge have heard with deep regret, of the decease of Br Enoch Carter—a Brother endeared to us by his many manly and Masonic virtues. Resolved,

That in testimony of respect for his memory the Regalia of this Lodge, be placed in mourning for three months. Resolved

That the Secretary be requested to furnish a Copy of these proceedings, to his family."

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STATED MEETING, APRIL 17, 1848

Present 12 members & 4 visitors
The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, MAY 15, 1848

Present 12 members & 11 visitors
The sum of 18 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, JUNE 19, 1848

Present 8 members & 2 visitors

STATED MEETING, JULY 17, 1848

Present 9 members & 12 visitors
The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 21, 1848

Present 5 members & 7 visitors
Minutes of last Stated Meeting read and on motion adopted Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 Oclock 10 minutes, P.M.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 1848

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 1848

Present 11 members & 7 visitors
The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

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STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 1848

Present 11 members & 6 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 1848

Present 21 members & 23 visitors

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

Brs J. E. Richardson & Aaron Samuels, Tellers, reported the following duly elected, Viz

Br Wm Robertson, W.M. Br Maurice Hess, S.W. Br Chauncey Bulckly, J.W. Br J. E. Richardson, Treasurer. Br Nicholas H. Maguire, Secretary.

Br Wm Robertson, was duly installed W.M. Br Maurice Hess, was installed, S.W. and Br Chauncey Bulckly was installed J.W. for the ensuing Masonic Year.

Nine members were stricken from the list of Lodge No 2, for non-payment of dues.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 15, 1849

Present 15 members & 12 visitors

Br Nicholas H. Maguire, installed as Secretary

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments, Viz. Br Thomas Graham, S.D. Br Wm L. Kite J.D. Br James Thomas, S.M.C. Br Samuel Norris, J.M.C. and Br Wm B. Schneider, Tyler.

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STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 1849

Present 14 members & 16 visitors

Br James E. Richardson, was duly installed as Treasurer.

Jesse R. Burden duly elected a member

"The Resolutions offered by Br Thomas Graham at the Stated Meeting in Dec. an amendment to Article 3rd of By Laws, commencing at the 13th line to wit, Should a Candidate neglect or refuse to appear, to be initiated, for four Stated Meeting nights, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable circumstance, the amount received with his petition shall be forfeited to the Lodge, according to the requisitions of Article 19th of By Laws, was on motion adopted."

By dispensation Br James Thomas Passed to the Chair.

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 3, 1849

Present 4 members & 7 visitors

By dispensation, Andrew Thompson Entered, Passed, & Raised

STATED MEETING, MARCH 19, 1849

Present 9 members & 9 visitors.

"It having been announced from the Chair, that since the last Stated Meeting the Lodge had been called on, to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the remains of an old respected member, Brother J. Douglass,

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Br Jesse R. Burden offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted,

Where as it has pleased the Supreme Architect to call from his earthly labors, our late Worthy Br John Douglass, There fore Resolved, by this Lodge No 2, A. Y. M.—That we lament the dispensation which has deprived this Lodge of a member and us of a Brother, and whilst we bow with submission to the Divine Will, Resolved—that we condole with his bereaved family and in token of our feelings,—the Lodge room be clothed in mourning for the space of three months, Resolved,

That the Secty be directed to present a copy of these resolutions to the family."

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 16, 1849

Present 12 members & 19 visitors

The sum of 13 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, MAY 21, 1849

Present 10 members & 18 visitors

STATED MEETING, JUNE 18, 1849

Present 10 members & 15 visitors

STATED MEETING, JULY 16, 1849

Present 10 members & 6 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

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STATED MEETING, AUGUST 20, 1849

Present 6 members & 8 visitors

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1849

Present 12 members & 11 visitors

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 1849

Present 13 members & 22 visitors

"Br Peter Fritz, R. W. G. M. of Grand Lodge of Penna & Masonic Jurisdiction there unto belonging, accompanied by his Grand Officers, honored the Lodge, by a Grand Visitation, and an eloquent address."

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 19, 1849

Present 7 members & 16 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

"Lodge closed in Harmony at 7½ Oclock."

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 17, 1849

The following brethren were elected to serve for the coming Masonic year:

Bro. Chauncy Bulkley, Worshipful Master
" Thomas Graham, Senior Warden
" Joseph Davis, Junior Warden
" James Richardson, Treasurer,
" Nicholas H. Maguire, Secretary,

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FULL LENGTH PORTRAIT OF BRO. STEPHEN GIRARD,
MERCHANT, MARINER AND PHILANTHROPIST.
IN THE CORRIDOR HALL, MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

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CHAPTER XXIX

The Official Reinterment of Girard's Remains, and the Building of the New Chestnut Street Hall, 1850–1855

WITH the beginning of the second half of the nineteenth century a new era of prosperity opened up for the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania.

The first event of importance in this decade was the reinterment of the remains of Brother Stephen Girard. Different accounts of this event have come down to us from both Catholic and secular sources; the actual facts, however, as gleaned from documents in our archives are as follows:

As stated in a previous chapter, Brother Stephen Girard was buried December 31, 1831, in the ground adjourning the German Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, at the northwest corner of Spruce and Sixth Streets.

A plain flat slab supported by bricks was placed over the vault which contained the remains. This was about the middle of the ground adjoining the church toward the north, and immediately adjoining the fence and walk which runs beside the north church wall. After

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the remains were finally taken away, this slab was also removed, leaving nothing whatever, to mark the spot where the remains of the great merchant, banker and philanthropist had reposed for nineteen years.

When the main building of the College was nearing completion, the commissioners of the Girard estate and the city authorities commenced to make arrangements for the disinterment of the remains of the great philanthropist where they had rested for the past nineteen years in the vault adjoining Holy Trinity Church at Sixth and Spruce Streets and removing them, to what was to be their final resting place within the grounds of the college, as might be determined upon by the Board of Commissioners of the Girard estate.

There are many conflicting stories told about the removal of Girard's remains, to be found both in Catholic and Masonic as well as secular sources. Apparently most of these accounts differ, and in some cases directly contradict one another. To thoroughly solve this question, and arrive at the truth, and the actual facts of what took place in the premises on those occasions has been our task. For this purpose the original documents of the Church, Commissioners of the Girard Trust, the Masonic Fraternity, court records, and the periodicals of the day have been searched, with the following results, which showed that *neither the Masonic Fraternity nor the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had any part whatever in the removal of the remains from the vault in Trinity*

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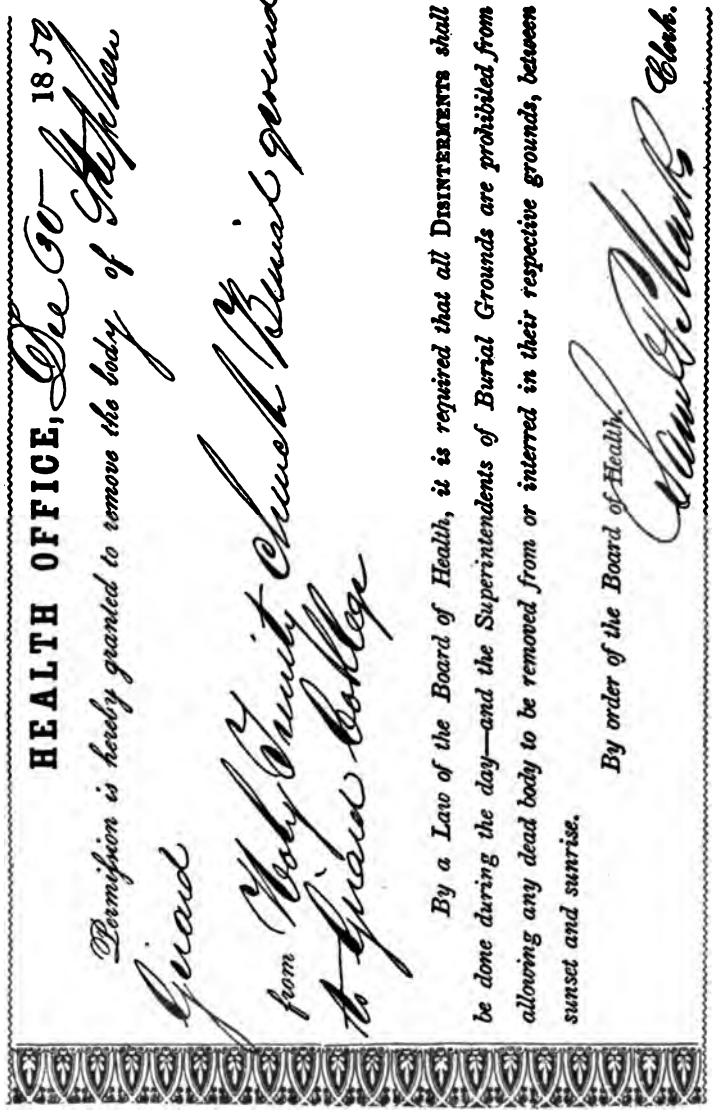

HEALTH OFFICE, Dec 30 1852

Permission is hereby granted to remove the body of Stephen Girard

from Mary Church Burial ground,

to Girard College

By a Law of the Board of Health, it is required that all DISINTERMENTS shall be done during the day—and the Superintendents of Burial Grounds are prohibited from allowing any dead body to be removed from or interred in their respective grounds, between sunset and sunrise.

By order of the Board of Health.

Clerk.

PERMIT FOR DISINTERMENT OF STEPHEN GIRARD'S REMAINS.

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Church-yard in January 1851. At the final disposition, however, of the remains, September 30, 1851, the Grand Lodge and Masonic Fraternity had charge of the ceremonies.

At the time of the removal in 1851 the old anti-Catholic feeling known as the Native American Movement still lurked in the community, and as it was rumored that the removal of the remains was objected to by the authorities of the German Catholic Church, feeling against them ran high. Then again there had been trouble in the holy Trinity congregation between the trustees and the ecclesiastical authorities. The church had been closed for some time, but a new set of trustees had been elected and the church was reopened, for religious services, November 24, 1850.[1] It was to these trustees that the commissioners of the Girard Trust applied for permission to remove the remains, after having first secured a permit from the Board of Health, dated December 30, 1850.[2] The evident cause for this action of the city authorities nine months prior to the time set for the dedication of the college was the fear that some of the Girard heirs might object to the removal, and would attempt to prevent the disinterment by legal means, if possible, a condition which afterwards, as will appear, proved correct.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. George R. Fisher and A. G. Waterman, in behalf of the commis-

[1] Cf. "Retrospect of Holy Trinity Parish," Philadelphia, 1914, p. 100.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 89.

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sioners, in attending to their duties, engaged.[3] Simon Gartland, brother of Bishop Gartland of Savannah, the leading undertaker for Catholics of that day, to attend to the removal of the remains.[4]

It is stated that Amberg the old German *Totengräber* of the Church,[5] at first refused to permit the opening of the vault, but being told that if the body was not given up it would be taken by force, he went to Bishop Kenrick for instruction, who told him that he must give it up, saying the body ought never to have been buried there—"He was not a Catholic and besides he was a Freemason." It is further stated that Amberg then entered the plea with the bishop that it was Girard's will that he should be buried there, and if he was not so buried the will would be broken and the orphans would suffer, being anxious for any excuse to prevent the body from being given up. He really thought, however, that such a clause was in the will, and that to move the body would be to break the will. We can understand and give him credit for this conduct. When finally the body was exhumed, the outer or wooden coffin was found to be partly decayed. The inner or leaden one was intact. This when taken out was placed in a rough pine box, and taken away in the undertaker's wagon, while the empty wooden coffin was again lowered into the vault.

[3] Records of Commissioners of Girard Estate.

[4] This was a stroke of policy on the part of the Commissioners of the Girard Estate and City Councils.

[5] Theo. C. Knauff, *The Keystone*, Philadelphia, April 9, 1887, Vol. XX, p. 325.

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The exact day when this took place is not definitely known, that it was, however, during the first week of January, 1851 (evidently January 6 or 7), is shown by the records of the Board of Commissioners.[6]

The remains in the original leaden coffin were at once taken to Gartland's establishment, Thirteenth Street, above Chestnut, corner of (now) Clover Street.

When the Undertaker reached his shop the coffin was placed in the gutter of his yard, after having holes in it to allow such matter to escape as would run therefrom.[7]

Either upon the evening of the day of the exhumation or the day following it had been arranged to open the lead coffin in presence of a number of persons who were members of the City Councils and the Girard Trust. The story goes that, immediately upon raising part of the metal covering, a quantity of gas burst out and was exploded by the flame of a candle, singeing the beard of Mr. Waterman, a member of the committee and one of the City Councils.[8]

The remains, according to the undertaker Gartland, were in a very poor condition, and there was nothing left to distinguish them whatever—a skull and a handful of bones, was all that remained in the casket.

The lead coffin was at once sealed up again, and placed in a new cloth-covered coffin, and, as shown by

[6] Minutes of Commissioners of Girard Estate.
[7] *Cf.* Petition of heirs, *Penna. Law Journal Reports,* 5 Clark, p. 68.
[8] Theo. C. Knauff, *The Keystone,* Vol. XX, p. 325.

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the commissioners' records, were taken to the college on the ninth of January.

January 8, 1851, President Lancaster called a meeting of the board of commissioners of the Girard Estate together for the purpose of receiving a report from the committee appointed to examine the condition of the tomb of the late Stephen Girard, and to make such arrangements as will place his remains under and subject to the control of this board.

Mr. Fisher, from said committee, submitted the following report:

To the Commissioners of the Girard Estates.

Gentlemen:—

Your Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Holy Trinity Church and others having authority in the premises, in relation to the removal of the remains of Stephen Girard, beg leave to report.

That they have attended to the duties assigned to them and having obtained the necessary authority, have removed the remains from the Holy Trinity Church Yard to the premises of Mr. S. Gartland, undertaker, 21 S. Thirteenth Street, where they await the action of the Board.

Geo. R. Fisher,
A. G. Waterman.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved—That the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils be requested to call a meeting to-morrow at 12 o'clock M., and that the President of this Board be directed to report to Councils that the remains of the late Stephen Girard are

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now under the control of the Board, subject to the order of Councils, and that they recommend the removal of the remains privately to such part of the College Grounds as Councils may authorize or direct.

On motion, the president was directed to report the following to Councils, viz:

Resolved—That the Commissioners of the Girard Estates be instructed to remove privately the remains of the late Stephen Girard and to deposit or inter the same in such place as the Board may deem expedient and appropriate at the Girard College for Orphans. 1851, Jan. 9.

The president stated that the following resolution had been adopted by councils at a meeting held this morning, to wit:

Resolved—That the Commissioners of the Girard Estates be instructed to remove the remains of the late Stephen Girard and to deposit or inter the same at the Girard College for Orphans, in such place as the Board may deem expedient and appropriate.

On motion, it was

Resolved—That the Board will proceed this afternoon at 3½ o'clock to accompany the remains of the late Stephen Girard from Mr. Gartland's premises to the Girard College for Orphans.

The president made the following report, to wit:

The Board of Commissioners of the Girard Estates, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the special meeting held this day at 1 o'clock, proceeded with the remains of the late

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Stephen Girard to the Girard College, where, after some appropriate ceremonies, conducted by the President of the College, were had in presence of the Orphans, Teachers, &c., they deposited the remains in the north west room in the third story of the College, first placing the coffin in a cedar case, and screwing and sealing the same; the room was locked by me and the key placed in possession of the President of the College.

P. B. LANCASTER,
Pres't., Board of Commrs.

January 11, 1851, the following note of thanks was sent to the Trustees of the Church:[9]

OFFICE COMMRS. GIRARD ESTATES,
Philda., 11th January, 1851.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Board, held on Thursday last, the following resolution was adopted, viz: Resolved, That the thanks of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates be tendered to the Trustees of the Church of the Holy Trinity for the authority given, and facilities afforded, in exhuming and removing the remains of the late Stephen Girard from their churchyard.

Extract from the minutes.

SAM WILCOX,
Secretary B. C. G. E.

Approved.

[9] *Cf.* "Retrospect of Holy Trinity Parish," Philadelphia, 1914, p. 88. Original in possession of the Church authorities.

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March 6, 1851, Mr. Fisher from the "Committee on the removal of the remains of the late Stephen Girard" presented the following bills to the Board of the Commissioners for the expenses of the same:[10]

Simon Gartland, Undertaker	$98.75
P. Vivian, Watchman	3.00
F. Clark, Disintering remains	10.00
	$110.75

As the arrangements for the final disposition of the remains of the great philanthropist were being completed by the city authorities, an invitation was sent to Brother William Whitney, Grand Master of F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, asking that the Fraternity participate in the ceremonies, in response to the following resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Girard Estate.

1851, July 10.

Mr Snowden offered the following:

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia to take a final disposition of the remains of the late Stephen Girard; and they having intrusted the matter to the Commissioners of the Girard Estates; and Whereas Mr. Girard was a member of the Masonic Order, and the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania being one of his legatees; Therefore be it

Resolved—that the Masonic Order of the State of Pennsylvania be invited to participate in the Ceremonies to take place in the month of September next, and that a Committee of three

[10] Records of Commissioners of Girard Estate.

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be appointed to confer with the Officers of the Grand Lodge; and be it further

The Chair appointed Messrs. Snowden, Waterman and Fisher on the Committee.

Whereupon the Grand Master convened the Grand Lodge in a Special Grand Communication August 4, 1851, as he stated in consequence of having received and accepted an invitation from the Commissioners of the Girard Estates to participate in the ceremonies of reinterring the remains of our late brother and benefactor Stephen Girard.

He then read the following correspondence.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, GIRARD ESTATES.

PHIL., July 11th, 1851.

TO WILLIAM WHITNEY, ESQR., *Grand Master of the Masonic Order of the State of Pennsylvania.*

Sir, At a meeting of this Board held last evening, the following resolution was adopted, viz:— "Resolved that the Masonic Order of the State of Penna, be invited to participate in the ceremonies (incident to the final disposition of the remains of the late Mr Stephen Girard) to take place in the month of September next, and that a Committee of Three be appointed to confer with the Officers of the Grand Lodge."

"Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Snowden, Waterman and Fisher on said Committee."

Extract from the Minutes.

SAML. WILCOX,

Secy. Commrs. Girard Estates.

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To which the Grand Master replied as follows:

PHILADA. July 21st, 1851.

SAMUEL WILCOX, ESQR., *Secy:*

Dear Sir, In reply to the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners Girard Estates inviting the Masonic Order of the State of Penna, to participate in the ceremonies (incident to the final disposition of the remains of the late Stephen Girard) to take place in the month of September next, I would beg leave to state, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and the Order generally in this state, that your kind invitation is accepted.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge will be happy to meet the Committee of Three (whom you have appointed for that purpose) at an early day to make the necessary arrangements

Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM WHITNEY,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page, in a very neat and appropriate address proposed the following preamble and resolution which was adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the city authorities to remove the remains of the late Stephen Girard, from their present position to, the tomb prepared for the same within the College grounds, and they have invited the Grand Lodge to participate in the ceremony.

AND WHEREAS, it will be eminently proper for the Grand Lodge and the Lodges under its jurisdiction to pay a tribute of respect to the remains of our deceased Brother, on their

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MONTGOMERY LODGE,

No. 19,

A. Y. M.

PHILADELPHIA, August 25th, 1851.

BROTHER—At a special communication of the Grand Lodge, held on Monday Evening, 4th inst. it was resolved that the Grand Lodge and the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, unite in the re-interment of the remains of our late brother, STEPHEN GIRARD, which will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 30th.

The Brethren will appear in Black—Dress Coat, Vest, Cravat, &c. (all black,) with white Kid Gloves. By a resolution of our Lodge every member is required to be notified; so that he may express his intention of participating in the ceremonies, in ten days from time of notice, so as to enable the Lodge to provide a sufficient number of Scarfs and Aprons. You will therefore please inform either of the following brethren if you intend uniting in the ceremonies.

GEORGE K. CHILDS,
No. 114 Spruce Street.

ALFRED COOPER,
No. 109 Market Street.

S. S. BISHOP,
No. 36 North Wharves.

R. STIRLING WILSON,
No. 65 Dock Street.

SPECIMEN NOTICE OF LODGE NO. 19 TO UNITE WITH GRAND LODGE AND OTHER LODGES AT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF GIRARD'S REMAINS.

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removal from the present temporary resting place, to that of their final repose beneath the College founded by his munificence, and destined to carry his name to the remotest posterity:

And Whereas, it is desirable that this tribute on our part should be in accordance with the sentiments and habits which marked the character of our benefactor, and be acceptable because of its simplicity, uniformity and impressiveness, therefore,

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge and the Lodges under its jurisdiction will unite with the City Authorities on the occasion referred to under the order and direction of the Rt. W. G. Master.

Resolved, that each individual Brother shall be required to attend in a full suit of black dress coat, with white kid gloves, plain blue sash and plain white apron, excepting the Officers of the Grand Lodge, who shall alone wear the full Masonic regalia of their respective stations.

Resolved, that to secure uniformity and economy, the said sashes and aprons shall be furnished under the direction of the Grand Officers, each subordinate Lodge notifying them in time of the number it will require and paying the first cost thereof.

Notices similar to the following were sent out to the various Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 2.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Above I hand you a copy of the Preamble and Resolutions adopted at a special Meeting of the Grand Lodge held last evening.

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The Ceremonies referred to will take place on Tuesday the 30th of September next.

A cordial invitation is now extended to you, and the members of your Lodge to be present and participate in said ceremonies of respect to the memory of one who has done so much for our Institution.

You will please give notice immediately to the Grand Secretary of the number likely to be present, from your Lodge, and the number of Aprons and sashes you will require agreeably to the above Resolution.

Very truly and respectfully yours &c.

WILLIAM WHITNEY,
Grand Master of G. L. of Pa.

As the time drew near for the proposed ceremonial re-interment, the fears of the Commissioners of the Girard Trust and City Councils were realized, that attempts would be made by some of the heirs to prevent by legal means, the placing of the remains in the marble sarcophagus in the vestibule of Girard College.

These heirs contended that Girard had, by the terms of his will, desired burial in consecrated ground, that the removal was illegal, and they attempted to take out an injunction to prevent the interment at the College with Masonic ritual. The agitation was further enhanced by the reports that the Masons throughout the State had determined to march in the funeral procession with extraordinary pomp and numbers, it being their first public demonstration after the anti-Masonic excitement caused by the murder of Morgan.

It appears that the opposing heirs prior to the filing

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of the petition in Court for an injunction, had the tomb of Girard in Trinity Church yard again opened, and the empty wooden coffin brought to the surface. Simon Gartland and James McGinnis, his assistant, had charge of this matter. Quoting the Catholic accounts (*American Catholic Historical Researches,* Vol. 28, pp. 17–20) two boys, James O'Reilly and Andrew Jackson Reilly, later Crier of the Court of Common Pleas, who were present at the time, "state that as the coffin was raised and reached the surface of the ground, and explosion (?) occurred, with a detonating sound like the heavy striking of a bass drum.[11] Everybody fell back except McGinnis, who supported his employer. The lid was raised, one side was wrecked. On looking into the Coffin there was no vestige of the body, not even a button, or shreds of cloth,[12] though something might have spilled back into the vault. The empty coffin was hastily placed into a box prepared for it and taken to Gartland's establishment."[13]

Following is an account of the efforts made by the opposing heirs to obtain an injunction against the reinterment of Girard's remains with Masonic honors, together with the order of the Court, refusing to grant a special injunction.

[11] Evidently caused by a part of the broken coffin which fell back into the vault. J. F. S.

[12] *As a matter of fact the lead coffin with the remains had been removed in the previous January.*

[13] *Cf.* "Retrospect of Holy Trinity Parish," p. 89.

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Legal Proceedings

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. IN EQUITY.

In Re Stephen Girard.

September 26, 1851.

Judges Edward King, Parsons and Kelly.

1. Equity will restrain the removal of a body from a common burial ground, against the consent of the relatives of the deceased.

2. But the Court cannot interfere where the body has been actually removed under claim of right before final hearing, to compel the restoration of the body to its former place of interment.

3. The Councils of the City of Philadelphia having removed the remains of the late Stephen Girard from the burying ground of a church in which he had directed them by his will to be placed, and left them temporarily with an undertaker in order to a subsequent removal to a Sarcophagus at Girard College, accompanied by Masonic and other ceremonies, the consent of the Board of Health and of the trustees of the church having been previously obtained to the removal, a preliminary injunction asked for by Mr. Girard's relatives was refused.

4. If the executors of a deceased decline interfering in such a case, the relatives may be parties alone.

This was a motion for an injunction to restrain the City authorities from depositing the remains of the late Stephen Girard, at the Girard College.

Mr. Girard directed in his will, that his remains should be buried in the grounds of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, near the remains of his relatives, being in the Catholic faith while in life.

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It is alleged that the city authorities forcibly disintered the remains from their resting-place in the Trinity Church grounds and placed them in the custody of an undertaker, who took them to his place of business, where he has kept them ever since. It is further alleged, that the undertaker bored holes in the coffin to allow such matter to escape as would run therefrom, and that he placed the coffin containing the remains in the gutter of his yard. It is the intention of the city authorities to place the remains of Mr. Girard in a Sarcophagus constructed for that purpose. It appears that the city obtained permits from the Board of Health and trustees of the church to disinter the remains.

Messrs. *Dallas* and *Cuyler,* who appeared for the executors of Stephen Girard, stated that the heirs had never been consulted,[14] and contended that the remains should be replaced in the grave from whence they were taken, as they had been removed from their resting-place illegally, and in violation of the deceased's request.

Mr. *Olmstead* appeared for the city, and denied the allegations of the executors.

Mr. *Dallas* asked that the remains may be permited to remain where they are, or be ordered back to their former resting-place, until the court could decide the question before it.

Judge King suggested, that the applicants for an injunction had better permit the city to proceed with her ceremonies, and place the body in the Sarcophagus at the Girard

[14] 1851, Jan. 23. The following resolution had been adopted by the Board of Commissioners:

Resolved, That the President, in connection with the City Solicitor, be requested to communicate with the relatives of the late Stephen Girard, in relation to the re-internment of his remains, and their wishes in regard to the same.

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College, until the question can be decided, as it is a novel one, and will require examination.

This was objected to.

Mr. Olmstead contended that the legal title to the remains was in the city, who had the possession, and not to the relatives or executors.

Judge King suggested that the remains be put into the Sarcophagus and placed behind his statue, for safe keeping, without any ceremony, until the decision could be had.

Messrs. *Dallas* and *Cuyler* were willing that this should be done, but some difficulty occured as to dispensing with the ceremony. Mr Waterman, of the Common Council, was present, and said, that, so far as he was concerned he would agree to it, but he could not control the Masonic Order in their contemplated ceremony. he thought it better so to deposit the body than to permit it to remain in a garret, where it is alleged it now is.

Judge King said, that as it was alleged the the depositing of the remains of the deceased at the College would be offensive to the feelings of his relatives, he thought it would be better to suffer the question to remain until to-morrow morning, to see whether some agreement coul not be made between the parties as to where the body shall be kept until a decision can be had.

The suggestion was agreed to.

At the opening of the Court, on Saturday, September 26. 1851, Mr *Olmstead* stated that no agreement had been entered into by the parties in relation to the disposition of the remains of Stephen Girard

Mr. *Cuyler* replied that they were agreed that the body should be placed in the Sarcophagus without any ceremony,

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until the Court could decide, and asked that the body be enjoined.

Mr. *Olmstead* said they could have no control over the ceremonies of the Masons, as they had invited their fellows from all parts of the country to participate in it, and that portion of the matter was under their immediate control. He said he had nothing to add to what he said yesterday. He quoted Blackstone to show that the relatives had no title in the bones or ashes of their ancestors. There were no religious ceremonies contemplated, and the petitioners could not object with any show of reason on that ground.

J. M. Read Esq., appeared for another of Girard's relatives, John F. Girard, who was one of the heirs at law of Stephen Girard. This heir had often informed him that he was in favor of the removal of the remains as contemplated by the City. This settled the matter as to one of the relatives. According to Blackstone, the remains are not the property of any body, and therefore could not be the subject of larceny, and consequently not the subject of a special injunction in the form asked for.

The relatives, at the original interment, did invite, among others, the Masonic Order. The objection to the burial now, with the Masonic ceremony, can have no merit in it.

The plaintiffs have no title to the body. If any body has a title, it would be the executors, who had charge of the body until it was buried.

Have the parties, applying for the injunction been in time? They have been lying by for months, and now within a few days of its re-interment, after persons from all parts of the United States are on their way to join in the ceremonies by invitation, they ask for an injunction. No religious cere-

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mony will be observed at the interment, and consequently the religious feelings of the petitioners will not be wounded.

Mr. *Dallas* replied to Mr. *Read*. He said no one had a higher respect for Stephen Girard and the Order of Masons to which he belonged, than himself. He was about to pay proper respect to his remains by insisting that a due regard should be paid to a public benefactor. Has the City the right to violate the graves of deceased persons? And is this Order of Masons prepared to allow the remains of their deceased Members to be taken from the grave and treated as the bill sets forth this body has been treated! His last dying request was that he should be buried as he was origanally buried, in the place indicated by him. His body or his bones were of no value to any body; but he would call upon his fellow Masons and the City authorities to religiously carry out his dying request.

His Executors, after his death, suggested that he should be placed in Ronaldson's burying ground, temporarily, until a Monument could be erected at the College contemplated in his will; but his relatives interposed, and said no, let his last dying wishes be respected, and placed him in the tomb of the friends he designated in his will. The Roman Catholic bishop and the Clergy attended his funeral with the Masons, but the former withdrew when the Masonic ceremonies were about to commence. The ground, however, was consecrated ground. We, who are Protestants, may not perhaps regard this as much. But let us see who is going to throw the first stone. Toleration must be acknowledged in its widest sense, and the feelings of his relatives who are of the Catholic faith, must be respected.

This tomb was violently broken open, and the sepulchre profaned without the knowledge of his relatives. Let any one

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of us say whether we would permit the graves of our ancestors thus to be violated. What has been done with his body? Taken to the garret of the undertaker, and exposed to shocking indignities. The coffin has been penetrated, and the substance of his body allowed to run out into the common gutter. Do not talk of respect for the grave, when the dead body is subject to such indignities. When his relatives heard of this treatment they did write on and protest against it, and ask that the body be again consigned to its original resting-place. Nothing is communicated to the heirs until the day is fixed for the re-interment, and then the city invites the heirs to be present at the ceremony. There may have been the delay of a few weeks. But when was the invitation sent them? On the day the bill was filed; and yet it is asked this delay is to cure all difficulties.

The bill does not contain the slightest word against the honorable body of Masons. It only asks that the City shall not place the body where they admit the city can exercise no control over it. A dozen or a hundred persons may go into the College, open the Sarcophagus, and do with the body just what has been done by the undertaker. The City cannot control them, as the College is under the control of officers of its own body. Now as to the right of the body. Does the admission of Mr. Fabricus Girard, that he is in favor of the body being placed in the College, deprive the other heirs of their rights? He is in Officer of the College, and may be supposed to act from interested motives. He has been but recently elected, and it is but natural to suppose, that he does not wish to give offence to those who can dismiss him: and therefore sanctions the removal. By his will, he orders his old clothes to be given to the College, to be kept there as a Memorial of him, as was the case with Washington, in another

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instance; but he does not even intimate that his body is to go there. Stealing a body from the grave for the purpose of re-interring it, has been said not to be actionable at law. This might puzzle a lawyer, but there were sacred feelings in the human heart that were not to be trifled with.

Judge King remarked, that he settled this question yesterday, by stating, that a Court of Chancery would act, and that it was not worth while to labor on that point.

Mr. *Dallas* resumed; that the decision of Judge Story was full to the points that he had pressed upon the attention of the Court. Judge Story holds "that the remedy must be sought, if at all; in the protecting power of a Court of Chancery, operating by its injunction to preserve the repose of the ashes of the dead and the religious sensibilities of the living." The executors do not appear to claim, as there are no executors; they, while acting, delivered the body over to the heirs. It is said they have no property in the remains now. But they took the leaden coffin, to which the heirs have a right, and the grave clothes. The doctrine of the city is, "the first who grabs shall keep." Under this doctrine graves may be violated with impunity, and the religious feelings of a whole community shocked. The bill asks that the body may be ordered back to the Vault from which it was taken. But he and his colleague had agreed that it should be placed in the Sarcophagus without ceremony, until the question could be determined finally and definitely.

The relatives of Stephen Girard cannot agree to any definite arrangement in the disposition of the body, where ceremonies to which they object are to be observed,

Judge King said that the question involved in the case, was of more than ordinary interest. No analogous could be found in the English or American annals. Is there not that in our

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laws which guarantees the Security of the Sepulchre? If any person in mere wantonness, should break into the grave, and take away the body, the criminal law would furnish a remedy. And it would even act in a preventive manner. In cases like the present, however, the law has furnished no remedy.

It is proper, therefore, that a Court of Chancery should provide a remedy. Where a person was buried in a common burying ground, where the title did not pass, the law did not furnish a remedy in reference to a removal; but a chancellor would intervene, to prevent the desecration of the grave, otherwise bloodshed and violence would be the consequence. If I had been applied to, before the removal of the body, I would have interfered. But this is not the case here. The city claims as the risiduary legatee, and her motive was to indicate respect and honor for the memory of the man.

If the executors chose to disclaim it, they might have done so, if they were executors, but if, they disclaimed, the relatives might be parties alone. In all these aspects a court of equity could interfere. But the body has been removed, and the relatives had a knowledge of it. Even here the Court can interfere;

but ordering the body back to its former place, would be deciding the case. We are not asked to do this now. It would be deciding the case before a hearing. This a court never does in granting a special injunction.

The body must be placed temporarily in some respectable resting place. Where so proper a place as in the Sarcophagus at Girard College, instead of the garret where it now is? The final decision of this case, from its nature, cannot be given under six or nine months, and then an appeal lies to the Supreme Court. How much better then to have it deposited in the place contemplated than to have it a weight upon the

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BROTHER STEPHEN GIRARD.

STATUE AND SARCOPHAGUS, MAIN BUILDING, GIRARD COLLEGE.

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community. This appears to have been agreed upon by both parties.

The difficulty, however, appears to be about the ceremony. Some persons must deposit the body, as it is to be deposited, and what difference does it make whether few or many attend the interment? or whether the Masons or any other body attend? No religious ceremonies are in contemplation. He would therefore refuse the special injunction to the extent prayed for, and suffer the city to proceed to inter the body temporarily, until its final resting place should be determined by the Court.[15]

The Board of the Girard Estate after the removal of the remains to the college had a sarcophagus of Italian marble prepared by the firm of M. & P. Baird, of Philadelphia, at a cost of $1,472.50, wherein what was left of the great philanthropist was to be placed with Masonic ritual. The day set for this final ceremony was Tuesday, September 30, 1851.

In addition to the Masonic Fraternity, invitations were extended by the board to

Select and Common Councils, of the City of Philadelphia,

The Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City,

The President, Board of Directors and Secretary of Girard College,

Relatives of the late Stephen Girard, together with the Officers of the Trust, the City Treasurer, the

[15] *Cf. American Law Journal,* Vol. IV, p. 97; also *Philadelphia Public Ledger,* Sept. 29, 1851; also *Records and Researches of the American Catholic Historical Society,* Vol. 28, pp. 17–20.

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City Clerk, the Superintendent and Register of the Watering Committee, the City Solicitor, the City Surveyor, and the City Commissioners.

These parties were to assemble in the chamber of the Common Council at ten o'clock on the morning of the thirtieth of September.

This being the first public procession of the Masonic Fraternity since the Anti-Masonic blight had swept over the State, great preparations were made by the Grand Lodge to make the pageant imposing and impressive.

The following advertisement was inserted in the daily papers of September 22, 1851:

"MASONIC PARADE. The order will have a grand parade on Tuesday, the 30th inst., upon the occasion of the re-interment of the remains of the late Stephen Girard in the College grounds. The address will be delivered by the Honorable Joseph R Chandler."

Orders were issued to the Blue Lodges to insure uniformity of dress, as set forth by the Grand Lodge at the Special Communication, August 4, the latter furnishing the blue silk scarfs and white aprons trimmed with blue. A number of these scarfs and aprons are in the Museum collection.

On the morning of September 30 the various subordinate Lodges met at different points at nine o'clock, forenoon, and proceeded to the hall on South Third Street, where the Grand Lodge was assembled. Here

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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ORDER OF PROCESSION,

To take place on the 30th September, 1851, incident to the final disposition of the remains of our late Brother,

STEPHEN GIRARD.

The Brethren to meet at their Hall, South Third Street, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Procession to be by Lodges, the different Lodges ranking according to seniority, except No. 3, of which Lodge our deceased Brother was a Member. Lodge No. 3 will take their place in the rear of No. 2. The Grand Marshal to form the line. Each Lodge will form in the following order:

Entered Apprentices—Two and two.
Fellow Crafts—Two and two.
Master Masons—Two and two
Senior and Junior Deacons.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Senior and Junior Wardens.
Past Masters—Two and two.
Master of the Lodge

After the Subordinate Lodges, the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund—Two and two.
Band of Music.
Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge—Two and two.

Then will follow the Officers of the Grand Lodge in the following order:

Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler, with Drawn Swords.
Grand Stewards.
Senior and Junior Grand Deacons.
Grand Sword Bearer, with Sword.
Deputy Grand Secretary
Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer
Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.
Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master

In the above order the procession will move from the Hall, down Third Street to South, observing a distance of four feet between the files. Countermarch up Third Street to Walnut, up Walnut to Fourth, up Fourth to Chesnut, up Chesnut, when the rear of the line reaches the front of the State House, they will be joined by the Select and Common Councils, and Mayor of the City The procession will then move forward, up Chesnut to Twelfth, up Twelfth to Ridge road, and then direct to Girard College The procession all being within the inclosure of the College grounds, they will halt, the Brethren face inward, and open their ranks, being uncovered while the Grand Lodge pass. The Grand Lodge move forward through the ranks, preceded by the remains of the deceased, carried by eight Past Masters, the P G Masters acting as pall bearers, the Brethren close from the rear, and follow the Grand Lodge until arriving at the eastern side of the College, where the coffin will be temporarily placed in front of a stand, which will be reserved for the Orator and the Grand Officers, after the Brethren have assumed their proper position. A suitable address will then be delivered by Past Grand Master Joseph R Chandler.

After the address, and appropriate funeral services, the remains will then be deposited in their final resting place. The line will again form, preceded by the Grand Officers, and as the procession passes, each Brother will throw his sprig of evergreen into the sarcophagus.

The procession will then return in the same order to their Hall, where they will be dismissed.

Sojourning, and visiting Brethren, who wish to join in the procession can do so, by first obtaining permission from the Master of any of the subordinate Lodges

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WILLIAM H ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge Notice of Order of Procession at Reburial of Stephen Girard, September 30, 1851.

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the line was formed, according to the date of their institution, the left being in front, except of Lodge No. 3, of which Lodge Girard was then supposed to have been a member. This arrangement placed Lodge No. 3 in the rear of No. 2.

It was not until eleven o'clock that the Grand Marshal, Bro. James B. Baggs, gave orders to move the procession.

Following is the order of the procession, showing the various Masonic bodies that were in line:

Pennsylvania Cornet Band.
Grand Marshal, James B. Baggs.
Shekinah Lodge, No. 246.
Chandler Lodge, of Reading, No. 227.
Kensington Lodge, No. 211.
Integrity Lodge, No. 187.
Freemason's Washington Brass Band.
Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186.
Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158.
Schuylkill Lodge, of Schuylkill Co., No. 138.
Franklin Lodge, No. 134.
Frankford Brass Band.
Phœnix Lodge, No. 130.
Rising Star Lodge, No. 126.
Hermann Lodge, No. 125.
Union Lodge, No. 121.
St. John's Lodge, No. 115.
Solomon's Lodge, No. 114.

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Columbia Lodge, No. 91.

Hiram Lodge, No. 81.

Bailey's Independent Brass Band.

Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 71.

Concordia Lodge, No. 67.

Washington Lodge, No. 52.

Harmony Lodge, No. 52.

Lodge No. 51.

Lodge No. 43, of Lancaster.

Bristol Lodge, No. 25.

Beck's Philadelphia Band.

Montgomery Lodge, No. 19.

Lodge No. 9.

Lodge No. 2.

Lodge No. 3.

The stewards of the Girard Charity Fund came next, and were followed by the Philadelphia Gray's Band.

The Grand Lodge occupied the left, as the post of honor.

The procession marched down Third Street on the west side to South Street, countermarching on the east side up Third to Walnut, up Walnut to Fourth, up Fourth to Chestnut, up Chestnut.

When the rear of the line reached the front of the State House, they were joined by members of the City Councils and officers of the Corporation.

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The procession then moved up Chestnut to Twelfth, up Twelfth to Ridge Road, thence direct to the college grounds, where it arrived a short time before one o'clock. The head of the procession passed in and around the immense walks of the college grounds, going nearly the whole circuit before the rear arrived within the enclosure. The ranks were then opened and the Grand Lodge, the corporate authorities, and the remains of Girard passed through the lines, making a full circuit of the walks, and passing to the front and east side of the main building of the college.

The remains of the deceased were contained in a handsome coffin, covered with black cloth and a Masonic apron, and was borne by eight Past Masters of the Order. The four Past Grand Masters acting as pall bearers, on arriving at the platform on the eastern side of the main building, were placed in front of the speaker's stand and the officers of the Grand Lodge, civil authorities, stewards and a number of others took their places on the staging behind and around the bier. The main body of the Order were then brought into close column, or mass, between the staging and the college, where they stood to hear the oration. The several movements of the line inside of the enclosure, in passing from the gate to the stage, over the winding paths, were exceedingly picturesque and displayed the whole body to great advantage.

When the procession had formed in front of the speaker's stand, and the orphans, to the number of

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three hundred, were arranged on the steps of the college, a Masonic dirge, composed expressly for the occasion, by Dr. W. P. Cunnington, the accomplished leader of the orchestra of the Walnut Street Theatre, was performed by Beck's Philadelphia Brass Band, assisted by several of the members of Dr. Cunnington's orchestra and some of the Freeman's Washington and the Pennsylvania cornet bands.

The music was a beautiful piece of composition, solemn, impressive and grand, and was performed in an excellent manner on thirty-one instruments.

At the conclusion of the dirge the Hon. Joseph R. Chandler delivered an elaborate eulogy in a clear and distinct voice.[16]

After the orator had closed his remarks, William Whitney, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, made a short address, in which he introduced the usual remarks, and referred to the ceremonies peculiar to the funeral of a Mason. The dirge was then repeated by the band and the line was reformed and the coffin carried to the vestibule of the college, where it was deposited in the beautiful marble sarcophagus constructed in the rear of the statue of Girard.

The procession passed through the college, each member placing the sprig of evergreen carried by him in the coffin as they walked by it; and the whole then returned from the solemn ceremonies at the college to the Masonic Hall, where the parade was dismissed.

[16] *Cf.* Appendix A, Reprint of Minutes, Volume VIII, pp. 479–492.

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In the evening of the day, a complimentary Masonic collation was given by the Grand Lodge to their visiting brethren at the Musical Fund Hall on Locust Street above Eighth. One of the menus has come down to us. The collation was prepared at Jones' Exchange Hotel, 77 and 79 Dock Street, who were the leading caterers in the city at that time.

The following account of the affair was inserted in the minutes of Lodge No. 2, October 20, 1851, as it states as a memorial for the future Pursuant to an Invitation given to the R. W. G. Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania by the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, which invitation was extended by the R. W. G. M. to all the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the R. W. G. Lodge to participate in the Ceremonies attending the re-interment of the remains of our deceased Br. Stephen Girard.

Lodge No. 2, A.Y.M. met at the American Hotel, Chestnut St, below Sixth by invitation of Br. Ambrose J. White, on the morning of the 30th of September at 8½ Oclock, A.D.1851, A.L.5851, when the Brethren being properly formed by the W. M. they proceeded to the Hall Sth 3rd St. they united with the other subordinate Lodges, and the Grand Lodge in procession to the Girard College, and there participated in the solemn and sublime Ceremonies of the occasion. There were upwards One Thousand Five Hundred in the procession. Lodge No. 2 being represented by the following Brethren & Visitors

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MENU OF THE MASONIC COLLATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1851.

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MASONIC COLLATION,

AT THE

MUSICAL FUND HALL,

Tuesday Evening, September 30, 1851.

Stewed Oysters,
Fried do
Broiled do

COLD DISHES.

Sweetbreads, with Jelly,
Larded Young Chickens, with Jelly,
Lobster Salad,
Chicken Salad,
Boned Turkeys, (en casse,)
Boned Chickens,
Roast Chickens,
Raised Pie of Turkey.

Beef Alamode,
Pressed Corned Beef,
Roast Beef,
Roast Pigs,
Beef Tongues, with Jelly,
Veal Collars,
Boiled Hams, with Jelly,
Buffalo Tongues.

DESSERT.

Vanilla Ice Cream,
Lemon Ice Cream,
Strawberry Ice Cream,
Pine Apple Ice Cream,
Jellies, various flavors,

FRUIT.

Grapes,
Apples,
Pears,
Almonds,
Raisins.

CHAMPAGNE.

Geisler, ...	$2 00
Mumans Anchor, . .	2 00

MADEIRA.

London Particular,	$2 00
Superior Cadwallader, 1818,	2 00

SHERRY.

George IV, pale, 18 yrs. old,	$2 00
Cabinet, . . .	2 00

HOCK.

Braunberg, . .	$1 00
Johannisberger, .	1 00

☞ Gentlemen ordering Wine will please send the money with their Card.

Moran & Sickels, Prs.

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Thomas Graham,
Joseph Davis,
Ambrose J. White,
Jacob Gumple,
Wm Robertson,
Chauncey Bulkley,
James D. Whetham,
Samuel Norris
Lewis Bitting
James B. Smith
Henry Lelar,
Nathan[l] Moseley,
Joseph Tallman,
Joseph Nicholls,
Henry J. Grout
Stephen McNutt,
J. F. Cunningham,
Morris Hess,
John Busman,

William Loper
Joseph L. Moss.
James Thomas
Sol[n] Isaacs
William Lawrence
Jas Landsdown
Wm K. Suter
Smith Crowell
Charles Dobson
Henry Talley
F[rs] Blackburn
John J. Weight

Capt Clark, Mulford, Del
" Watson, " " "
Br Jones, " " "
" Lofland " " "
" Watson, " " "
" Chayton G. Secty of Del.
" Stamp Wilmington
" Jones, " " "
" Aikin " " "
" Dawson " " "
" McCombs, " " "
" Sharpe, " " "

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WITH the beginning of the second half of the Eighteenth Century new life was infused into the various Masonic Lodges in our jurisdiction, as is shown by the Roster of Lodge No. 2, which culminated in a desire to once again have a meeting place on the hallowed ground on Chestnut Street, the site of the Hall of 1811 and 1820.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 21, 1850

Present 7 members & 10 visitors

Officers installed

"On motion of Br James E. Richardson it was Resolved, that this Lodge in consequence of the exhausted state of the funds, do not deem it expedient to make any appropriation for Charity untill the amount in the Treasurer's hands shall equal three hundred dollars."

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 18, 1850

Present 12 members & 28 visitors

STATED MEETING, MARCH 15, 1850

Present 11 members & 19 visitors

STATED MEETING, APRIL 15, 1850

Present 6 members & 2 visitors

STATED MEETING, MAY 20, 1850

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STATED MEETING, JUNE 17, 1850

Present 8 members & 16 visitors

By dispensation Napoleon Le Brun, Passed to the Chair.

STATED MEETING, JULY 15, 1850

Present 8 members and 7 visitors

"It being announced from the Chair that since the last Stated Meeting the Lodge, had been called on to pay the last said tribute of respect to the remains of a Worthy Brother, James E. Richardson.

"The following resolutions were offered by the W. M. and unanimously adopted.

"Whereas it has pleased Divine Providence to take from among us, our late Worthy Br and Treasurer, James E. Richardson, endeared to us, by his many virtues and amiable qualities.

"Therefore Resolved, That we appreciated him as a Mason, and a man, we the more sincerely lament the dispensation that has deprived this Lodge of a worthy member, and whilst we acknowledge with submission the Divine Will, Resolved,

"That the Regalia of the Lodge be clothed in mourning for the space of three months, Resolved,

"That the Secretary be requested to present a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased."

The W.M. was pleased to appoint Br Wm Robertson, Treasurer.

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STATED MEETING, AUGUST 19, 1850

Present 8 members & 15 visitors

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1850

Present 13 members & 12 visitors

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 1850

Present 9 members & 14 visitors

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 18, 1850

Present 8 members & 16 visitors

Petition of N. B. Moseley, late of Hampden Lodge Massachusetts for Membership was received this evening.

This being Election night, the following were duly elected, Viz

Br Thomas Graham, W. M.
" Joseph Davis, S.W. Br Ambrose J. White, J.W. Br Wm Robertson, Treasurer, Br Nicholas H. Maguire Secretary.

The W. M. duly installed

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 20, 1851

Present 13 members & 16 visitors

Officers duly installed

The W. M. was pleased to make the following appointments, Viz

Br James P. Landsdown, S. D.
" Edward A. Moss, J. D.
" William B. Schneider, Tyler.

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STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 1851

Present 20 members & 21 visitors

By dispensation Br John Healy (of Lodge No 187) Passed to the Chair

N. B. Moseley, duly elected

Five petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 17, 1851

Present 19 members & 19 visitors

STATED MEETING, APRIL 21, 1851

Present 19 members & 19 visitors

"Lodge was honored by a visit from the R. W. J. Grand Warden James Hutchinson."

ADJOURNED MEETING, APRIL 23, 1851

Present 11 members & 2 visitors

STATED MEETING, MAY 19, 1851

Petition for membership received from Wm E. Lawrence, late of Phoenixville, Lodge No 75.

By dispensation Br Peter Housum, Passed to the Chair

STATED MEETING, JUNE 16, 1851

Present 20 members & 27 visitors

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SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 1, 1851

Present 7 members & 2 visitors

Captain James Snow, Entered

STATED MEETING, JULY 21, 1851

Present 11 members & 11 visitors

STATED MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1851

Present 18 members & 29 visitors

Communication was received from "The R.W.G. Lodge."

On the reading of the Communication, the following Resolutions, on motion made and duly seconded were adopted, to wit. Resolved That, that this Lodge will participate in the said procession incident to the re-interment of Girard's remains on the 30th of Sept. Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to see personally if possible each and every member of the Lodge and report to the Grand Secretary at the earliest moment, how many members of Lodge No 2 will turn out on the 30th of September next.

In conformity with the second Resolution the following Brethren were appointed said Committee viz. Brothers—Blackburn, Robertson, Nichols, Thomas, and Weight.

SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 29, 1851

Present 10 members & 11 visitors

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STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1851

Present 21 members & 25 visitors

"The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Grand Lodge respecting the reinterment of the remains of the late Stephen Girard and inviting this Lodge to participate in the Ceremonies consequent thereon reported, "That they have attended to the duties assigned to them, and have waited personally on the different members, so far as was in their power, and in obedience to their instructions reported at an early day to the Grand Secretary the result of their inquiries, viz. that at least Thirty members of Lodge No 2 will join in the Procession of the 30th of September."

"On motion of Br Francis Blackburn it was Resolved that this Lodge procure for the use of its members a sufficient number of white aprons and blue sashes so as to furnish one of each, to each member who will join in the procession on the 30th inst.

On motion Brs Blackburn, White, and Maguire were appointed a Committee to procure a necessary addition to the property of the Lodge."

SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1851

Present 9 members & 7 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 1851

Present 10 members & 15 visitors

By dispensation Thomas Davis, and James Clarke, Entered, Passed, & Raised

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STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 1851

Present 33 members & 32 visitors

"The Committee to whom was referred the compilation and arrangement of the By Laws of Lodge No. 2,—

Reported; That they have attended to the duties which were assigned them and submit the annexed as the result of their labors.

(Signed) NICHOLAS H. MAGUIRE
FRANCIS BLACKBURN
WILLIAM ROBERTSON

accompanying the report was a revised copy of the By Laws in manuscript, and on motion of Br F. Blackburn, it was Resolved, That when we *adjourn* after the close of our labors this evening we will adjourn untill the 31st inst at six Oclock P.M. inasmuch as a proper consideration of the By Laws cannot be gone into this Evening for the want of sufficient time."

Melchior McGlaughlin, Clement Clarke and Joseph P. Higgs, Entered.

Br J. F. Cunningham, Crafted

Br James Snow, Raised

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 31, 1851

Present 13 members & 2 visitors

"The Secretary read the By Laws at length, when on motion of Br Bulkley, the Lodge was called off from *labor* to refreshments for the space of fifteen minutes in hopes that more members may be in attend-

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ance. At the expiration of the allotted time the Lodge was called to *labor* by the W. M. and the Secretary read the By Laws, Section, by Section."

"Br Bulkley, offered as an amendment to Article 5th an additional Section, to read Section 3rd Article 5th. The W. M. shall appoint after each annual election, at the first meeting a Committee of Charity to Consist of four members, who shall have power to dispense such Charity as the Lodge may authorize to such persons as may be found worthy."

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 1851

Present 28 members & 28 visitors

Charles G. Thomas, Wm Somers, Andrew Epplesheimer, Isaac C. Bryant, John Cody, Levi Rex Peters, Stephen La Barthe, and John Vance, duly elected. Wm Somers, Chas Thomas, Andrew Epplesheimer & John Cody, Entered

SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 26, 1851

Present 18 members & 7 visitors.

SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 5, 1851

Present 11 members & 3 visitors

The R. W. G. M. being announced was received with the usual honors, when addressing the W. M. he remarked that he had come at the request of the Secretary by whom he had been informed, that an applicant for Initiation and Membership on regular petition and

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who had been regularly approved, was about to leave the state and was unable to wait the usual term of probation prescribed by the usages of the Lodge, that furthermore in consequence of the absence of the G. Secty, who had left the city to attend the funeral of a deceased brother, the Lodge had been unable to procure the usual form of dispensation, the he the R. W. G. M. by virtue of the power in him vested, did under the circumstances, empower and authorized the W. M. of this Lodge to pass, and to raise the aforesaid brother, it being understood that the Secretary would at the earliest opportunity, procure a regular dispensation from the G. Lodge."

By dispensation Br Henry Collett, Passed and Raised.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 1851

Present 42 members & 33 visitors

The W. M. having announced, this to be the evening appointed for the annual election of officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, Commencing on St Johns day next, Dec 27th 1851, the Lodge proceeded to an election with the following result, to wit.

Br Ambrose J. White, W. M.
" Francis Blackburn, S. W.
" John J. Weight, J. W.
" William Robertson, Treasurer
" Nicholas H. Maguire, Secretary.

"The following Resolutions offered by Br Black-

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burn were on motion duly seconded unanimously adopted.

"Resolved, That, The thanks of this Lodge be tendered to Br John Corkrin of Lodge No. 186 for his brotherly Conduct towards us, during the past Masonic year in assisting us in our labors, and that he be requested on all future occasions when visiting this Lodge to take his seat among the members.

"Resolved, That, The Secretary be requested to send Br John Corkrin a copy of the above Resolution."

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

The W. M. duly installed

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 6, 1852

Present 15 members & 8 visitors

By dispensation Samuel White and William S. Outerbridge, Entered, Passed and Raised.

The W. M. then proceeded to install Br Francis Blackburn as S. W. and Br John J. Weight, as J. W.

"A Communication was received from James Baird, W. M. of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, inviting members of Lodge No. 2, and their Visiting brethren to participate in the banquet of Lodge 158, when on motion the invitation was accepted, and the fraternal acknowledgments of Lodge No. 2, returned to Br Baird."

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 19, 1852

Present 19 members & 11 visitors

The sum of 30 dollars granted for Charity

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John Fox, Entered

Six petitions for initiation & membership were received, this evening

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 1852

Present 13 members, & 6 visitors

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 1852

Lodge opened in A. F. at 6¼ oclock.

Present 23 members & 13 visitors

Three petitions for initiation & membership received this evening.

Br Blackburn offered the following Resolutions, which in accordance with the By Laws were laid over. Resolved,

That in order to insure Stability and perpetuity to this Lodge, a permanent fund shall be raised and securely invested, the Interest of which shall be applied to the payment of the Grand Lodge Dues.

That a Committee be appointed consisting of three members, empowered to to procure the requisite furniture for this Lodge.

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 1852

Present 14 members & 3 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 21, 1852

Present 5 members & 3 visitors

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SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 24, 1852

Present 4 members & 5 visitors

STATED MEETING, MARCH 15, 1852

Present 25 members & 15 visitors

Thirteen petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 27, 1852

Present 7 members & 5 visitors

By dispensation Thomas T. Yeager, Entered, Passed, & Raised

SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 5, 1852

Present 6 members & 2 visitors

By dispensation George Hayes, E. P. R.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 19, 1852

Present 19 members & 35 visitors

Five petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

"The W. M. was pleased to appoint as Committee on Grand Lodge Dues Fund, untill the stated meeting in January, Brs N. H. Maguire, Wm Robertson, & Thomas Graham."

The sum of 15 dollars granted for Charity

SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 22, 1852

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STATED MEETING, MAY 17, 1852

Present 14 members & 15 visitors

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity.

Four petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

Present 12 members & 8 visitors

By dispensation Br Lewis B. Jackson of Lodge No. 67, Passed to the Chair.

SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 29, 1852

Present 8 members & 7 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 20, 1852

Present 9 members & 6 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 2, 1852

Present 9 members & 6 visitors

By dispensation Br Edward Sartori of Lodge No. 15 New Jersey, Passed to the Chair.

STATED MEETING, JUNE 21, 1852.

Present 27 members & 12 visitors

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, JULY 19, 1852

Present 27 members & 27 visitors

E. Corson, Entered

Br Parker H. Warren, Raised

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

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Special Meeting, August 4, 1852

Present 11 members & 3 visitors

Stated Meeting, August 16, 1852

Present 17 members & 10 visitors

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

Special Meeting, September 13, 1852

Present 5 members & 8 visitors

Br Philip A. Cregar, Raised

Stated Meeting, September 20, 1852

Present 21 members & 12 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening

Special Meeting, October 4, 1852

Present 17 members & 6 visitors

C. P. Marshman, Entered.

Stated Meeting, October 18, 1852

Present 29 members & 27 visitors

The sum of 18 dollars granted for Charity

Stated Meeting, November 15, 1852

Present 43 members & 17 visitors

The sum of 13 dollars granted for Charity

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STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 20, 1852

Present 50 members & 13 visitors

Brs Paul & Whetham, Tellers reported the following elected, Viz.

Br Francis Blackburn, W. M.
" John J. Weight, S. W.
" Nathaniel B. Moseley, J. W.
" William Robertson, Treasurer.
" Nicholas H. Maguire, Secretary.

Five petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 13, 1853

Present 12 members & 11 visitors

By dispensation George Russell and F. Whittecar, Entered, Passed & Raised

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 17, 1753

Present 61 members & 78 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

"An election was then held for Three Trustees of "Grand Lodge Dues Fund,"—when Nicholas H. Maguire, Thomas Graham, and Wm Robertson were unanimously chosen."

"The following communication from the Grand Lodge was received & read.

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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA
SPECIAL GRAND COMMUNICATION
PHILADELPHIA Dec 20th 1852

"On motion of Past Grand Master Br James Page & duly seconded the following Resolution was adopted viz"

"Resolved, That the R. W. G. Master request each subordinate Lodge to furnish forthwith to the R. W. G. Secty the name of one of its Past Masters and a member of the Grand Lodge, and that from the whole number of names thus obtained the R. W. G. M. may appoint seven persons to constitute the Building Committee of the proposed New Hall in Chestnut St."

Extract from the Minutes.

(Signed) WM H. ADAMS
Grand Secretary of G. L. of Penna

when in conformity with the above resolution, on motion of Br Wm Robertson, Br Francis Blackburn was selected on the part of Lodge No. 2 as one of the number from which the R. W. G. M. may chose seven to constitute a "Building Committee" of the proposed New Masonic Hall, in Chestnut St.

"During the evening the Lodge was honored by a visit from P. G. M. Wm Whitney, R. W. S. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Secretary, Wm H. Adams, R. W. G. Treasurer, John Thompson, and R. W. J. G. W. J. K. Mitchell, who were each received with due honors."

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 3, 1853

Present 5 members & 6 visitors

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SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 1853

Present 15 members & 5 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 1853

Present 7 members & 4 visitors

The sum of 5 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 21, 1853

Present 47 members & 24 visitors

Eleven petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 5, 1852

Present 4 members & 4 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 21, 1853

Present 11 members.

Lodge opened in A. F. at 2¼, P. M.

Lodge closed in harmony at 5.20 P.M.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 21, 1853

Present 47 members & 9 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

"The R. W. G. M. and his Grand Officers honored the Lodge with a visit."

The sum of 38 dollars granted for Charity

SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 7, 1853

Present 20 members & 17 visitors

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STATED MEETING, APRIL 18, 1853

Present 35 members & 9 visitors

"A communication was received from a Committee on the erection of a Masonic Monument to the memory of George Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., which was referred to the W. M. and Wardens with power to act."

SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 6, 1853

Present 2 members & 2 visitors

STATED MEETING, MAY 16, 1853

Present 38 members & 19 visitors

Four petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity

The Lodge was honored by a visit from Br John K. Mitchell, R. W. J. G. W. of G. Lodge of Penna.

SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 20, 1853

Present 8 members & 5 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 13, 1853

Present 6 members & 1 visitor

STATED MEETING, JUNE 20, 1853

Present 37 members & 7 visitors

Five petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

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"The R. W. G. Secty Communicated the following Resolution from the Hall Committee which had been read and approved at the Grand Quarterly Communication of the G. L. held June 6th 1853.

"Resolved, That the Hall Committee do Suggest to the G. L. the propriety of recommending to the different Lodges meeting in this Hall to suspend their labors during the Month of August, for the purpose of having the Hall completely Cleansed and renovated, as there is not sufficient time now, on account of the frequent Meetings, to have the same done."

"On motion of Br N. H. Maguire it was Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay into the hands of the Trustes of the G. L. D. Fund, out of the general funds of the Lodge, the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars, and the said Trustees be requested to subscribe for Twenty Shares in the New Masonic Loan."

The sum of 15 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, JULY 18, 1853

Present 35 members & 27 visitors

"The Treasurer reported having Subscribed for 20 shares of the loan of the New Masonic Hall, and that he had paid $500 on a/c therefor."

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1853

Present 38 members & 27 visitors

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

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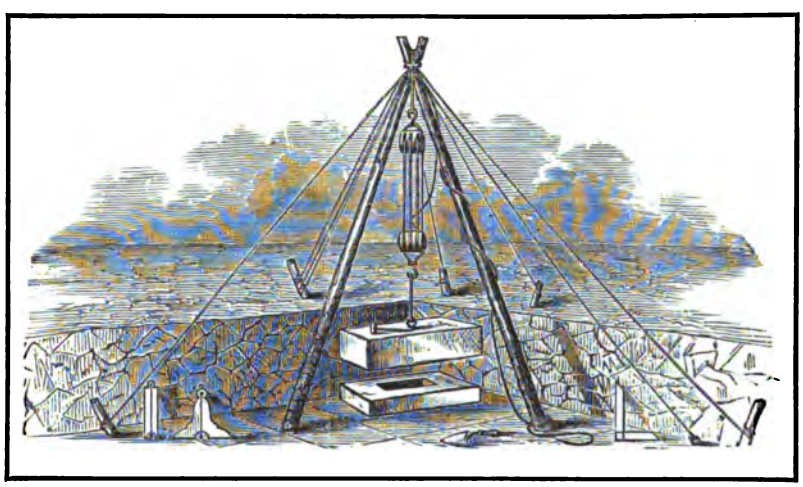
Committee Report

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 1853

Present 38 members & 36 visitors

The sum of 15 dollars granted for Charity

"The W. M. reported that he had caused to be prepared upon parchment a list of the Officers and Members of the Lodge for the purpose of being deposited in the Corner Stone of the New Masonic Hall; and also a copy for each member of this Lodge."



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THE next event of importance in the history of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, was the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, below Eighth, on the site of the old Hall of 1809 and 1820, which had been demolished to give room for the new and enlarged structure, still cherished in the memory of the Masonic *Ancients* and *Veterans*.

The day set for the imposing Ceremony was Monday, November 21, 1853. The day dawned raw, cold and wet, and as noon approached a cold rain fell in torrents. This, however, did not deter the brethren from carrying out the full program as originally mapped out.

A daguerreotype of the scene was taken from a window on the opposite of the Street, a copy of which is shown upon the opposite page.

Notwithstanding this untoward event an immense crowd gathered to witness the imposing ceremonies, and Chestnut Street and Lodge Alley were both thronged by curious spectators. The windows of the stores opposite, on Chestnut Street, were filled with ladies. A large body of police was in attendance, and prevented disorder.

The joist had been laid for the basement floor of the new hall, and they were securely boarded over for the accommodation of the Craft and other spectators of the exercises. A spacious and comfortable area was thus formed; it was crowded by persons anxious to witness the scene.

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LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF THE "NEW MASONIC HALL"
CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 21, 1853.

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On the east side a platform was erected for the accommodation of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master having an elevated spot in the middle, upon which was placed the ancient Oriental Chair once filled by Lafayette.

On either side of the Grand Master's seat, arm chairs were placed for the use of the Grand Officers.

There were also ample accommodations for the invited guests, among whom we noticed the Mayor, Recorder, City Councils, the Marshal of Police, &c. The press was also well provided for.

On the west side of the area a large platform was erected for a most excellent and extensive choir and capital orchestra, which were under the efficient direction of Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington. The arrangements throughout were most complete.

Arrival of the Grand Officers.

The Grand and Past Grand Officers, Building Committee, Architect, &c., were at a convenient place in the neighborhood. At half past eleven o'clock they repaired to the spot in procession, clothed in full regalia; the orchestra playing a grand march. The following was the order of procession:

Grand Tyler.

Building Committee, composed of the following named Brethren—

James Page, James Hutchinson,
Francis Blackburne, Wm. M. Swain,
Philip R. Engard, William Carr,

George Smith.

Superintendents. Architect.

Grand Pursuivant and Deputy Grand Secretary.

Grand Stewards.

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Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
Grand Chaplains.
Grand Wardens.
Past Grand Masters.
Deputy Grand Master.
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
Supported on either side by the Senior Grand Deacon and Junior Grand Deacon, each bearing a blue wand tipped with gold.
Grand Sword Bearer.
The Stewards, with wands.

On arriving at the ground the escort halted, and opening right and left, faced inwards, and proceeded with reversed front to the platform, the Grand Master at the head. After they were seated in their appropriate places, the Grand Master proclaimed silence, and an eloquent prayer was offered by Rev. John Chambers, one of the Grand Chaplains.

The following Ode, composed for the occasion by Bro. J. K. Mitchell, and the music arranged by Bro. Cunnington, was then sung by the choir and Brethren present, accompanied by the entire orchestra:

MASONIC ODE.[17]

O! glorious Builder of the vaulted skies!
  Almighty Architect of Earth and Heaven!
Come down to bless the Mason's enterprise,
  To thee, O God, and Faith and Mercy given.
A home to *Friendship, Truth* and *Love* we raise,
Where, ages yet to come, shall sound our Master's praise.

Silence having been again obtained, the R. W. Grand Master, Anthony Bournonville, Esq., M.D., directed the R. W. G.

[17] *Cf.* Reprint of Minutes, Vol. VIII, p. 494.

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Treasurer to proclaim to the Craft from the platform the contents about to be placed in the corner stone, viz:

List of Articles in Corner Stone.

List of the names of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, with a list of the present Past Grand Masters and Past Grand High Priests, elegantly written on Parchment.

Copy of the Holy Bible and the Ahiman Rezon, both very handsomely bound.

List of the Officers and Members of the different Subordinate Lodges and Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, inscribed on parchment.

Names of the Executive Officers of the General, State and City Government.

All the gold, silver and copper coins of the United States for the present year.

Also silver dollars 1795, 1797, 1798 and 1800.[18]

Bronze Medals of Washington and Lafayette.[18]

Names of the Building Committee, Architect, Superintendent and Contractors for the several branches of the work.

A picture of the old Hall, a design of the new Hall, a copy of the specifications, a Masonic Register, and the newspapers of the day.

The Corner Stone.

The corner stone is formed of a block of brown stone, five feet long, by three in width, and two in depth.—The cavity is three feet long, by one foot wide and one deep. On the upper face of the stone is the following

[18] Contents of Corner Stone now in the museum of the Grand Lodge.

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Inscription.

"This Corner Stone of the new Masonic Hall of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was laid on the 21st day of November, A.D. 1853, A. L. 5853, with appropriate ceremonies, by Anthony Bournonville, Esq., R. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, accompanied by the following named Grand Officers, and amidst the acclamations of the Brethren:

James Hutchinson, R. W. D. G. M.
Peter Williamson, R. W. S. G. W.
John K. Mitchell, M.D., R. W. J. Grand Warden.
John Thomson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

And God said "Let there be light."

After having proclaimed the contents as above, the Grand Treasurer, followed by two Grand Deacons, proceeded to the place where the corner stone lay, in the north east corner of the lot, and deposited the different articles in a metallic box, which was hermetically closed and soldered, and fitted in the hollow designed for the purpose.

While this ceremony was being performed, solemn music was played by the full orchestra.

Laying the Stone.

The R. W. Grand Master then left his seat, and, accompanied by the R. W. Past Grand Master, who carried the Gilt Gavel; the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the Square; the R. W. Sen. G. Warden, the Level; the R. W. J. G. Warden, the Plumb, descended from the platform, and proceeded to the Corner Stone.

The R. W. G. Master, assisted by two operative masons, laid the corner stone in its bed.

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The architect presented a trowel to the Grand Master, who spread cement upon the stone, applied successively the Square, Level, and Plumb, and delivered the following impressive

PRAYER.

"May the Almighty God bless this corner stone, which we have now laid, and which I, as the Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, hereby declare to be duly laid Square, Level and Plumb, and may He by His providence enable us to finish this, and every other work which may be undertaken for the Glory of Masonry, for the Honor of the Brethren, and for the benefit of mankind."

He then struck the stone three times with the Golden Gavel a little after twelve M., amidst the acclamations of the Brethren. The orchestra and choir meanwhile performing the

HALLELUJAH CHORUS.

The Grand Master and Grand Officers then re-ascended the platform and took their seats.

The Grand Secretary, by direction of the Grand Master, read from the platform the inscription which had been cut upon the stone.

The architect was then introduced to the Grand Master, who delivered him the Plumb, Level and Square, intrusting him with the superintendence and direction of the work in the following words:

"Brother Samuel Sloan—I now deliver to you, the Architect of this Masonic Temple, the implements of architecture and symbols of our craft. May the Great Architect on High speed you and the craftsmen under you; and may He prosper the work, that it may prove the *beauty, strength* and *wisdom* of our art, and tend to His everlasting Glory."

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An Oration was then delivered by Bro. John K. Mitchell, M. D., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

After the Oration was concluded, the following Anthem was sung by the choir.

ANTHEM.

Now elevate the sign of Judah! Now elevate the Banner! call it forth in Zion.

O put your trust in God! He will save us. He is always gracious to his servants.

O praise the Lord of Hosts! Exalt his name, and glorify him evermore! Forever more! Amen!

After a benediction by Rev. Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Officers retired in regular order, the orchestra performing a Grand March. The Brethren present, and the spectators, soon after dispersed.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 1853

Present 56 members & 28 visitors

"Resolved, That the Initiation of this Lodge, shall be raised to Thirty Dollars payable in advance, that is to say, $5 with the proposition and $25 at the reception of the 1st degree."

The sum of 30 dollars granted for Charity

Eleven petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

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SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 25, 1853

Present 3 members.

By dispensation the seven brethren were Passed to the Chair.

Wm H. West, of Lodge No. 2
Ed Wiler, of Lodge No. 2
J. D. McLean, of Lodge No. 2
Peter Lamb Jr., of Lodge No. 3.
Jas. J. Robins, of Lodge No. 3
Alfred Day, of Lodge No. 186.
George Connell, of Lodge No. 72

Lodge closed in harmony at 4.10, P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 1853

Present 3 members & 4 visitors

M. M. L. opened at 2½, P. M.

Lodge closed at 5.15, P. M.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 19, 1853

Present 82 members & 16 visitors

The following Officers were elected, to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, Viz

Br John J. Wieght, W. M.
" N. B. Moseley, S. W.
Br James Thomas, J.W. Br William Robertson, Treas. & N. H. Maguire, Secty.

"The Commtitee on Supper reported that in Consequence of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, they were obliged to postpone the annual Supper from this evening to Monday Jan 2nd 1854."

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Six petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The W. M. duly installed.

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 13, 1854

Present 4 members & 2 visitors

By dispensation three Brs. were Passed to the Chair.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 16, 1854

Present 49 members & 21 visitors

Seven petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

The sum of 25 dollars granted for Charity.

"Resolved, That Section 1st of Article of the By laws be so amended as to read that the initiation fee of this lodge shall be $50. viz $5 at the time of presenting his petition and $45 at the time of his initiation."

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 17, 1854

Present 6 members & 2 visitors

Officers installed

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 25, 1854.

Present 8 members & 3 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 1854

Present 5 members.

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STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 20, 1854

Present 37 members & 8 visitors

Three petitions for initiation and membership were received this evening.

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity.

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 1, 1854

Present 5 members & 2 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 10, 1854

Present 2 members, & 2 visitors

By dispensation Br Wm Goodall, of Lodge No. 134, & Saml P. Pedrick, of Lodge No. 3, Passed to the Chair.

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 11, 1854

Present 3 members & 3 visitors.

By dispensation Br Jacob Carver, of Lodge No. 2, Br Chas Kockersperger, of No 3, & J. J. Bender, of No 15, N. J. Passed to the Chair.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 20, 1854

Present 36 members & 11 visitors

The sum of 30 dollars granted for Charity

"The R. W. G. M. Jas Hutchinson, honored the Lodge with a visit."

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 22, 1854

Present 3 members.

By dispensation, the following brethren were,

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Passed to the Chair. Jno Kilgore, of Lodge No. 114, Br Hornor of Lodge No. 274, Br W. F. Pitfield, of No. 19, Br Saml Rain, of No. 114, W. M. McClure, of No. 114, & Brs Thos Miles, A. W. Harker, Frs Gibbons & C. M. Taylor, of No. 131.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 5½, P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 31, 1854

Present 6 members & 3 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 14, 1854

Present 3 members & 2 visitors

By dispensation the following Brs were Passed to the Chair, to wit

Br Chas G. Thomas, of Lodge No. 2, Phila
" Jno J. Huntzinger, of Lodge No. 216, Pottsville
" W. B. Miller, of Lodge No. 15, Camden, N. J.
" Caleb H. Needles, of Lodge No. 131, Phila

STATED MEETING, APRIL 17, 1854

Present 27 members & 7 visitors

"A Communication was received from Bristol Lodge No. 25 inviting the members of this Lodge to participate in the Ceremonies of the dedication of their New Hall on Monday, May 1st.

Br Moseley brought the attention of the Lodge, to the petition of Bristol Lodge, as presented some time since, asking assistance to build the Hall in question, and on motion of Br Gumpel, the Lodge granted $25."

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SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 27, 1854

Present 2 members & 4 visitors

By dispensation twelve Brethren were Passed to the Chair.

STATED MEETING, MAY 15, 1854

Present 31 members & 14 visitors

The sum of 25 dollars granted for Charity

STATED MEETING, JUNE 19, 1854

Present 41 members & 16 visitors

"On Motion, Resolved, That when this Lodge Closes, it will be to the Stated Meeting in September, as permitted and directed by the Grand Lodge."

SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 26, 1854

Present 3 members & 4 visitors

By dispensation six brethren were Passed to the Chair.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 4, P.M.

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 1854

Present 51 members & 18 visitors

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity.

Four petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

"Lodge closed in harmony at 11 P.M. and adjourned to the Refreshment room where the Members were agreeably Surprised on finding a large freezer of most excellent Ice Cream Supplied by our Zealous brother and fellow member William B. Turner Esq."

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SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1854

Present 2 members & 5 visitors

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 1854

Present 3 members & 3 visitors

By dispensation five brethren were passed to the Chair.

STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 1854

Present 30 members & 33 visitors

Br J. D. Swain, Raised

The sum of 10 dollars granted for Charity

SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 10, 1854

Present 6 members & 3 visitors

By dispensation the following brethren were Passed to the Chair, to wit

George Boldin, of Lodge No. 67.
Chas R. Dannenhower, of Lodge No. 67.
Jos P. Loughead, of Lodge No. 289.
Gabriel Phillips, of Lodge No. 289.
Henry C. Troutman, of Lodge No. 131.
Wm H. Hurley, of Lodge No. 131.
Jno A. Ellison, of Lodge No. 131.
Lewis Seal, of Lodge No. 15, N. J.
Martin E. Hamstead, of Lodge No. 15, N. J.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 1854

Present 47 members & 36 visitors

The sum of 45 dollars granted for Charity

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Two petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening

SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 1854

Present 11 members. Lodge opened at 3 p.m.

Lodge closed in harmony at 6 P.M.

STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 1854.

Present 86 members & 34 visitors

This being the night set apart for the election of Officers, resulted as follows. Br Nathaniel B. Moseley, W.M. Br James Thomas, S.W. Br Joseph Tallman, J.W. Br William Robertson, Treasurer, & Francis Blackburn, Secretary.

"Resolved, That refreshments at our Monthly Meetings be dispensed with."

The W. M. duly installed.

The Lodge was honored during the evening by a visit from the following Grand Officers.

Br James Hutchinson, R. W. G. M.
" Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M.
" Wm H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty
" Thos E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treasurer

Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ P.M.

STATED MEETING, JANUARY 15, 1855

Present 42 members, & 21 visitors

Officers installed.

"In view of the approaching dedication of the New

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Hall in Chestnut Street, when a grand procession is expected to take place, it was on Motion Resolved,

That a Committee of Three be appointed to procure New Regalia for the Officers and Members of this Lodge. The W. M. appointed Brs Thos Graham, Frs Blackburn, and Jos Tallman, the Committee"

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 1855

Present 36 members & 20 visitors

The sum of 50 dollars granted for Charity

Two petitions for initiation & membership were received this evening.

SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 24, 1855

Present 2 members & 1 visitor

STATED MEETING, MARCH 19, 1855

Present 30 members & 22 visitors

The sum of 20 dollars granted for Charity

"Br Graham announced the death of our late member Edwin A. Diehl and on motion, duly seconded, the W. M. appointed Brs Blackburn, George, Culin, Weight, & Tallman, a Committee to report resolutions &c at the next Stated Meeting, Expressive of our regret."

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 26, 1855

Present 6 members & 3 visitors

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STATED MEETING, APRIL 16, 1855

Present 31 members & 18 visitors

"The Committee appointed on purchasing and refitting the Regalia, were instructed to procure a handsome ballot box for the use of this Lodge."

"The Committee appointed with regard to the death of our late brother, Edwin A. Diehl reported the following preamble and the Secty was directed to have the same handsomely transcribed and delivered to the bereaved family.

That as a testimonial of our grief this Lodge shall be draped in mourning for the space of three Months."

"The R. W. D. Grand Master Peter Williamson Esq. honored the Lodge with his presence this evening."

STATED MEETING, MAY 21, 1855

Present 42 members & 43 visitors

"Br Blackburn reported the action of the G. L. in resolving to dedicate the New Hall in September Next and the Committe on Regalia were authorized to have the Regalia which was used at Br Girard's funeral renovated if found desirable."

"The Committee on procuring a Burial Lot were instructed to accept the gift tendered by the Mount Moriah Cemetery Company by Selecting a lot in their grounds and were authorized to have it properly railed and decorated when the proper time arrived."

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STATED MEETING, JUNE 18, 1855

Present 48 members & 22 visitors.

"Br Graham from the Committee on Burial Lot, reported having attended to their duties, and had concluded to recommend to the Lodge the choice of another lot different from the one offered as a gift by the Mount Moriah Company the cost of which is $30. additional," reported accepted, and an order directed to issue for the amount ($30).

"The Lot in question is in front of the 2nd circle and contains 520 Square Feet."

"A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge, stating that the day set apart for the Dedication of the New Hall, is the 26th day of Sept next."

"Br Blackburn brought to the notice of the Lodge the fact that the Grand Lodge had established a Charity Fund for the Widows and Orphans of masons in good Standing, but which fund was only applicable to Members, (in the 1st place) of Lodges acting in conjunction therewith and offered the following resolutions, when on motion was postponed to the next Stated Meeting. Resolved

That Lodge No 2 asquiesce in and Subscribe to the terms establishing the Grand Lodge Charity Fund as adopted in G. L. June 18th 1855"

"The Committee on Regalia were instructed to procure a complete New Set of Officers Regalia previous to Meeting in the New Hall."

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STATED MEETING, JULY 16, 1855

Present 35 members & 10 visitors

"On Motion of Br Graham it was Resolved, That the Members of this Lodge meet at Br Pelletier's on the morning of Sept 26th for the purpose of joining in the Ceremonies of dedicating our New Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street."

"On Motion the deeds for the Burial Lot in Mount Moriah Cemetery were directed to be made out in the name of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Dues Fund."

"The W. M. was authorized to extend an informal invitation to our friends of Lafayette Lodge of Wilmington to join this Lodge on the 26th of September."

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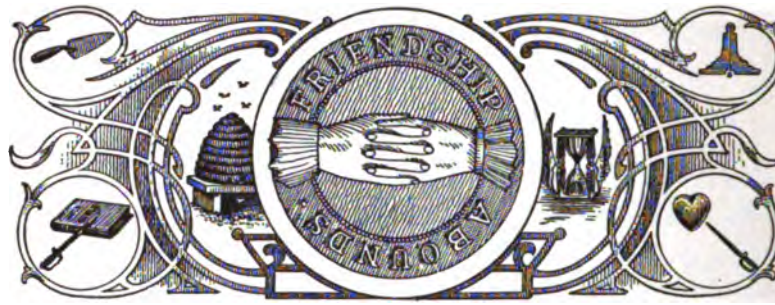

CHAPTER XXX.

The New Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, 1855.

TOWARD the close of the year 1855, the hopes of the brethren were realized. The beautiful New Masonic Hall erected upon the site of the Old Hall on Chestnut Street was completed, and ready to be dedicated with Masonic honors. All the trials and tribulations incident to the anti-Masonic craze had been overcome and surmounted; prosperity had returned. It was just twenty years since our Grand Lodge had vacated the rebuilt hall on Chestnut Street under the stress of the times, and moved into smaller and less prominent quarters on South Third Street, as so aptly stated by Brother James King of Pittsburgh in his dedicatory oration:

"Arduously and steadily have those brethren toiled for the accomplishment of their strong desire. Having surmounted every opposing obstacle, and approached nearer and still more nearly to their object, until after twenty years labor in preparing the way, all things, at

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1855—NEW MASONIC HALL—1873

CHESTNUT STREET, BETWEEN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH, NORTH SIDE, PHILADELPHIA.

CORNER-STONE LAID NOVEMBER 21, 1851.

DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1855. EVACUATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1873.

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last, are ready; and this day is witnessed their happy, glorious and complete return, and the consummation of their fondest hopes."

The day chosen for the dedication and consecration of the new Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia was September 26, A.D. 1855, A.L. 5855, being the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

Great preparations had been made for the dedication and consecration of the new hall, which was built of brown stone, in the Gothic style or, as it is sometimes called, the "pointed architecture," which has been considered emblematical of that faith which points to the Divine Architect as the sun and source of every excellence.

The dedication and consecration of the new hall, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, was celebrated by about four thousand of the Brethren, with great pomp and splendor, and with feelings of gratitude and joy. The Brethren of the lodges in the city, joined by numbers from the different parts of the State, and from our sister States, among whom were several officers of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Connecticut, and Tennessee, assembled at the old Hall, in Third Street, at 8 o'clock in the morning, and were formed into procession, agreeably to the following orders issued by the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Marshal.

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ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Band.
Grand Marshal.
Junior Lodge in Front.
Each Lodge in the Following Order.
Masters of Ceremony.
Entered Apprentices, Two and Two.
Fellow Craft, Two and Two.
Masters Masons, Two and Two.
Past Masters, Two and Two.
Deacons.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Wardens.
Worshipful Master.
In the Rear of the Oldest Lodge, Brethren From
Other Jurisdictions.
Grand Tyler.
Building Committee.
Architect.
Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions.
Past Grand Officers.
Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Chaplains.
Orator.
Grand Deacons.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Grand Wardens.
Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Master.
Grand Sword Bearer.

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The line will be formed at eight o'clock, precisely, in double ranks, left in front, the right resting on the south-east corner of Third and Spruce street, extending along the east side of Third street to Pine street, and from thence along the south side of Pine street westward; the whole under the direction of the Grand Marshal, each Lodge having one Marshal to each fifty members participating; each Lodge to have at least one Marshal, (unless they number less than twenty members, in that case to be regulated by the Grand Marshal,)—their duty is to attend exclusively to and be accountable for the good order of their particular Lodges, and see that the directions of the Grand Lodge are strictly enforced. The space between the files on the march to be two feet, to be carefully preserved throughout. The line, when formed will move along Pine street to Broad street, thence to Spruce street, thence to Twelfth street, thence to Walnut street, thence to Independence Square. On arriving opposite the centre gate, the Brethren halt, face inwards, and countermarch in the usual form, passing into Independence Square. After the ceremonies in the Square, the line of march will be again resumed, (the original formation being strictly observed,) moving by the left, passing round the Square and out by the south gate to Walnut street, thence to Fifth street, thence to Arch street, thence to Seventeenth street, thence to Chestnut street, thence to New Hall. On arrival of head of procession at the Hall, the Brethren halt, face inwards, and again countermarch in the usual form.

As the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the respective Lodges arrive at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut streets, they will break from the procession for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge. The several Lodges now meeting in the Hall in Third street, will make arrange-

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ments for convening at some other place on the day of dedication, reserving the said Hall for the accommodation of visitors from a distance and the Lodges of this jurisdiction from the country districts. Each Brother will be required to attend in a full suit of black, dress coat, with white kid gloves, plain blue sash and plain white apron, (such as have been ordered for the occasion,) excepting the Officers of the Grand Lodge, who alone wear the full Masonic Regalia of their respective stations. This order will be strictly enforced.

JAMES HUTCHINSON, *R. W. G. M.*

GRAND MARSHAL'S ORDERS.

In conformity with the orders of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and to facilitate the formation of the procession, the respective Lodges will be at the place of general formation prior to eight o'clock, A. M., as at that time the procession will positively be formed, and take position as herein designated, and be assigned their places in line by an assistant Grand Marshal.

The Marshals of Lodges, immediately on their arrival at the place of formation, will report to the Assistant Grand Marshal, who will furnish them with their badge of office, and such orders as may be requisite for the conduction of the Procession.

The members of each Lodge will be formed in the following order, having due regard to the brethren being arranged according to height.

Masters of Ceremony.
Entered Apprentices, Two And Two.
Fellow Craft, Two And Two.
Master Masons, Two And Two.
Past Masters.
Deacons.

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The demolition of the Old Masonic Hall was virtually completed in September, 1853; a committee of the Grand Lodge was appointed to superintend the search for the original corner-stone that was laid the seventeenth day of April, 1809.

There was considerable search made for the stone before it was found, the committee having charge of the building not having examined the records relating to the matter were, of course, not aware of the exact spot upon which to look for it.

It was found on Thursday, September 20, 1853, in the north-east corner of the lot, about 50 feet from the north line of the lot, the second building having been deeper than the original edifice.

It was firmly imbedded in the solid masonry and much labor was required to effect its removal until late in the afternoon when it was dislodged, and much to the chagrin of the committee, it contained no cavity. It was a plain marble slab bearing a Latin inscription neatly cut upon its face, and in an excellent state of preservation. This was covered by another slab to protect it.

The corner-stone was at once removed to the Hall, in Third Street near Spruce, and was subsequently placed in a conspicuous position in the new building with an explanatory tablet adjoining; both of these tablets are now in the Museum of the Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple.—(J. F. S.)

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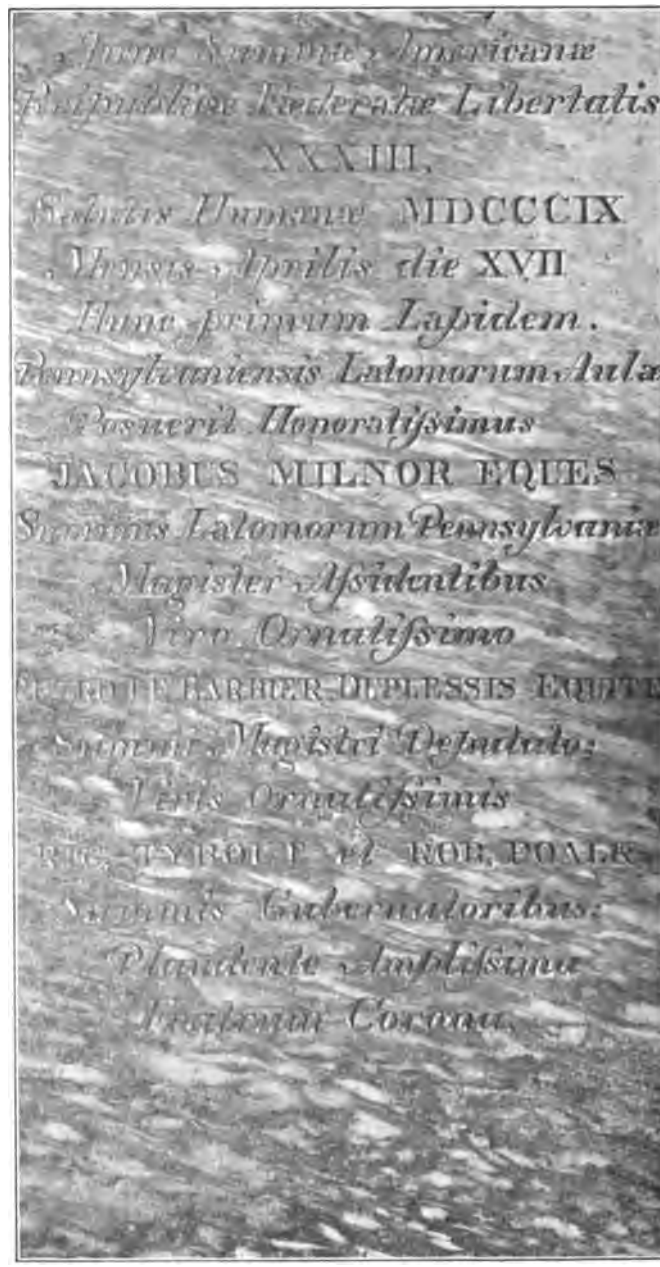

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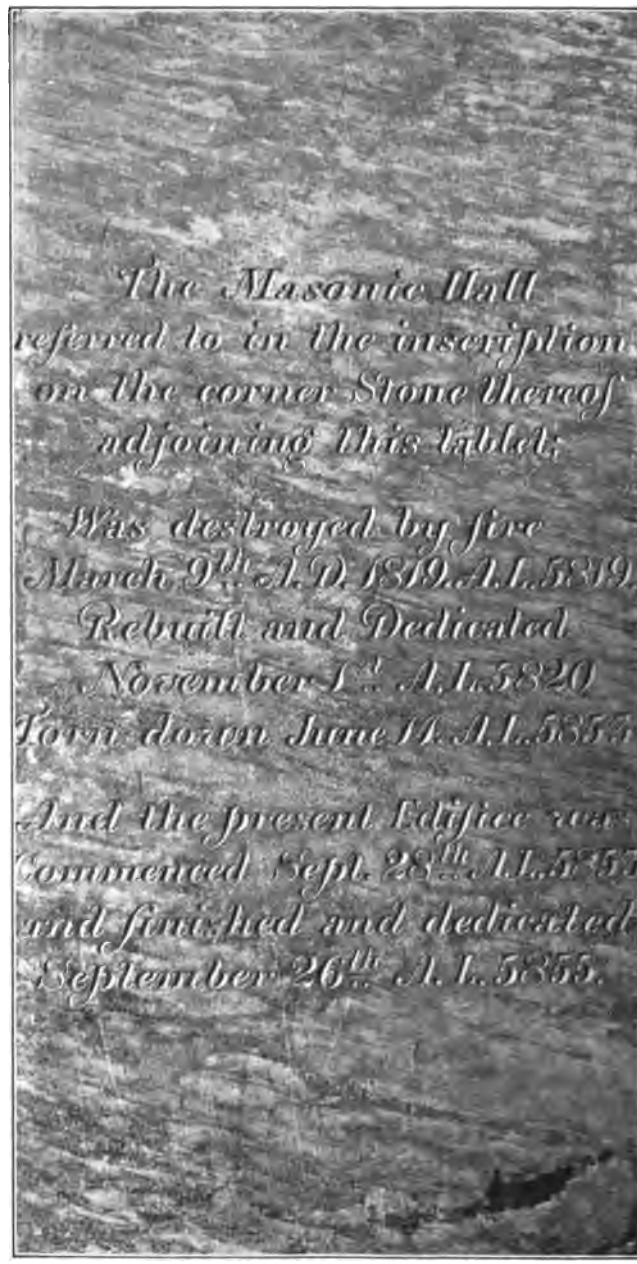

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Secretary And Treasurer.
Wardens.
Worshipful Master.

Lodges No. 2, 3, and 9, east side of Third street, from Spruce to Pine streets.

Lodges No. 19, 21, 25, and 43, south side of Pine street, between Third and Fourth.

Lodges No. 51, 52, 62, and 67, south side of Pine street, between Fourth and Fifth.

Lodges No. 71, 72, 75, 81, 91, and 114, south side of Pine street, between Fifth and Sixth.

Lodges No. 115, 121, 125, 126, and 130, south side of Pine street, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Lodges No. 131, 134, 135, 143, and 152, south side of Pine street, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Lodges No. 155 and 158, south side of Pine street, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

Lodges No. 186, 187, 190, 194, and 203, south side of Pine street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

Lodges No. 211, 216, 218, 223, 226, 227, 230, 236, 244, and 246, south side of Pine street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

Lodges No. 254, 258, 259, 262, 266, 268, 271, 274, 275, 279, 281, 283, 284, 286, 287, 289, 292, and 295, south side of Pine street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

Brethren from other Jurisdictions will assemble on the south side of Spruce street, between Second and Third streets, and be under charge of an Assistant Grand Marshal. On arrival of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, (by election) of the respective Lodges, at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut street, they will break from the procession, filing to the right (the Masters and Wardens on the south side, and

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Past Masters on the north side of Chestnut street,) for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge. Lodges not having the requisite number to entitle them to a Marshal will be formed under the direction of their respective Masters, who will with the Assistant Grand Marshals, report at Grand Marshal's office, (Masonic Hall, South Third Street,) on the morning of the 26th instant, at seven o'clock.

The Marshals of Lodges will be particular in observing that the orders of the Grand Master are strictly conformed to by the Brethren, especially as regards dress, which will consist of a Black Hat, Black Cravat, Black Vest, Black (Dress) Coat, Black Pants, and White gloves. On no consideration can Brethren not conforming to the above be admitted in the Procession. Canes, unless absolutely required, will be excluded from the line. No Brother unattached to a Lodge, can participate in the ceremony. In countermarching, the Lodges will pass through the Hall to Lodge alley. As they leave the building, they will be under the direct control of their respective Marshals, who will immediately conduct them to some suitable place for the purpose of unrobing and dismissal.

The Hall will be opened on the afternoon of the 26th instant, from two and a half to five o'clock, for the accommodation of Brethren of the Order residing out of the City.

The following named Brethren have been appointed Assistant Grand Marshals, and will be respected accordingly.

Bros. J. L. Hutchinson, Alex. Murphy, Geo. W. Wood, Wm. Camac, F. S. Lewis, J. Wm. Hoffman, Jas. B. Fidler, David F. Foley, Thos. A. Andrews, A. C. Suplee, A. L. Hough, Geo. F. Delleker, Wm. A. Fox, Martin Leans, G. Eckendorf, Atwood Smith, Edwin Watson, Franklin Smith. J. Loudenslager, Grand Marshal.

In the order laid down, the procession moved over the route

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fixed upon. When the front of the procession reached Independence Square, (Walnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, centre gate,) the Brethren halted and opened ranks, facing inwards. The Grand Master and Grand Officers, preceded by a Band of Music, moved through the ranks into the square, the Brethren uncovering as the Grand Master and Grand Officers passed them, and closing from the rear, followed in reversed order. The Grand Master, Grand Officers, Orator of the Day, and the Grand Officers of sister Grand Lodges, and a number of aged Brethren, occupied a platform erected for the purpose near the centre of the Square. The bands and choristers, under the direction of Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington, occupied a large platform on the other side of the broad avenue, directly opposite the platform occupied by the Grand Officers.

The bands played a grand march until all the Brethren were arranged on the avenues between the platforms. It is almost impossible to give a description of the splendid appearance of the Brethren thus assembled—it was truly a magnificent sight, and worthy the occasion.

CEREMONIES IN INDEPENDENCE SQUARE.

Prayer.[1]

By the Rev. Bro. John Chambers, Grand Chaplain.

We beseech thee, Omnipotent Jehovah, thou Great Architect of the Universe, to protect, guide, and perpetuate this glorious Union, suffer not a link of the great chain that binds us as a people to be severed. And now, thou infinite Jehovah, as a band of Brethren, we implore thee, as the memories of the past crowd upon us, that the gates of the Temple of Liberty, erected by our Fathers, may stand open night and day, that the oppressed of all nations may here find a home, and the

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poor exile shake from his thin robes the chilly dews of other and less favored climes, and here clothe himself in the garments of Freedom. And like this great Masonic heart, whose pulsations are Universal Benevolence, Faith, Hope and Charity, may this institution continue to be one great heart of Unity and Love forever. Amen.

Masonic Ode.

Music by Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington, words by Bro. F. N. Crouch.

Choir and Full Orchestra.

Chorus.

Refulgent orb of Heaven and Earth,
That givest light and nature birth,
Beneath thy rays we offerings bring
Of filial love to Heaven's High King.
This day before thy Master's throne
We dedicate the work that's done;
Look down upon us, Mighty God,
And signify our labors good.
Our temple's raised our voices ring
With hallelujahs to Heaven's high King.

Solo.

We've sought the Landmarks of the good,
By drawing water, hewing wood;
By consecrating halls to Thee,
Thou God of vast Eternity.
From East to West our name is known,
From North to South Thy seed is sown.
Wherever man on earth repairs,
Thy love and laws he wisely shares.

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Quartette.

Father of Mercy, Truth and Grace,
From every Mason's heart efface,
Each thought that would do wrong to Thee.
Master, through all Eternity,
Thy will be done on Earth, in Heaven—
Forgive our sins as we've forgiven—
Endue us with fraternal love,
Prepare us for the Lodge above;
Square in action, level, true,
As down life's vale we journey through.
Thine be the glory, Thine the praise—
Accept the joyous songs we raise.

Grand Chorus.

Hosannahs to the Father,
Through vaulted space shall run,
We consecrate our Temple,
The Builders' work is done.

Semi-Chorus.

Now to the Lodge repairing,
In true Masonic labors sharing;
Holy, just, and pure the creed,
To succor, and to clothe, and feed
The orphan child and widow'd mother;
The last behest of a dying Brother.

Grand Chorus.

Hosannahs to the Father, &c.

ORATION.

By Bro. James King, of Pittsburgh.[1]

[1] Oration published in full, Vol. IX, Reprint of Minutes, pp. 334–343.

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GRAND CHORUS.

Music by Haydn. Adapted and arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Achieved is the glorious work,
The Lord beholds it and is pleased,
In lofty strains let us rejoice,
Our song let be the praise of God.

MASONIC ODE.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. John K. Mitchell.

Choir and Full Orchestra.

O! glorious Builder of the vaulted skies!
Almighty Architect of Earth and Heaven!
Come down to bless the Mason's enterprise.
To Thee, O God, and Faith and Mercy given.
A home to Friendship, Truth, and Love is raised,
Where ages yet to come our Master shall be praised.

GRAND HALLELUJAH CHORUS BY HANDEL.

Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord,
And he shall reign forever and ever
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION.

By Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain.

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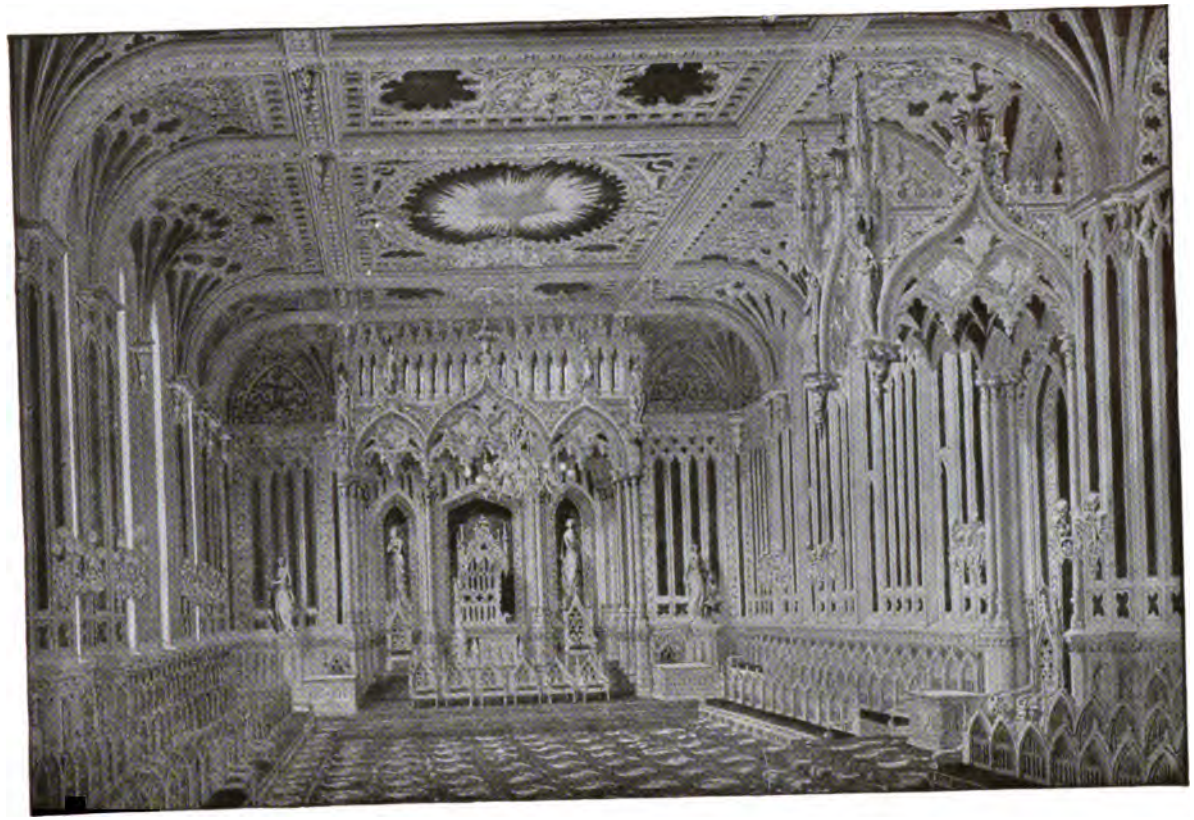

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1855—NEW MASONIC HALL—1873.
GRAND LODGE ROOM.
CHESTNUT STREET, BETWEEN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH, NORTH SIDE, PHILADELPHIA.

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After the ceremonies in the Square, the line of march was again resumed, (the original formation being strictly observed,) the line moved by the left, passed around the Square, and out by the south gate to Walnut street, thence to Fifth street, thence to Arch street, thence to Seventeenth street, thence to Chestnut street, thence to New Hall. On the arrival of the head of the Procession at the Hall, the Brethren halted, faced inwards, and again countermarched in the usual form.

As the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the respective Lodges arrived at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut streets, they broke from the Procession for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge.

Upon entering the Hall, the Grand Lodge proceeded up stairs to the Grand Lodge room, where the ceremony of dedication was to be performed. The Subordinate Lodges merely filed through the building upon the lower floor and passed out of the rear door on Lodge street. They then repaired to convenient places, where they were dismissed.

CEREMONIES IN THE HALL.

Upon the entrance of the Grand Lodge, the Band played a Grand March. On the Grand Master reaching his Chair, the G. O. took their stations and the Members their seats.

Grand Lodge Opened.

Prayer.

By Bro. R. Deshea Morris, Grand Chaplain.

The Architect then handed over to the Grand Master possession of the Building. After the reply of the Grand Master to the Architect, the following

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MASONIC ODE.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. Wm. H. Allen.

Temple of Ancient Masonry,
Grand Almonry, within thy massive walls
Rejoicing throng the faithful and the free,
To dedicate thy halls
To Truth, Love, Charity.

THE CEREMONY OF DEDICATION.

Previous to which the following

ANTHEM.

Music by Haydn. Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Choir and Full Orchestra.

Now elevate the sign of Judah!
Now elevate the Banner!
Call it forth in Zion!
O put your trust in God!
He will save us.
He is always gracious to his servants.
O praise the Lord of Hosts!
Exalt his name and glorify him evermore.
For evermore! Amen.

The Music having ceased, Bro. John Chambers, Grand Chaplain, delivered the

Consecrating Prayer.

Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain, standing before the L. made the

Invocation.

After the G. O. had taken their seats the

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GRAND HALLELUJAH CHORUS.

Music by Haydn. Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
To the God of Israel.
He will save us in the day of flight.
God is great in Battle,
For he is the Lord of Hosts.
He is our refuge,
We will praise him for evermore.

Grand March.

PRAYER.

By Bro. R. Deshea Morris, Grand Chaplain.

AN ODE.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. Freeman Scott.

Almighty Architect Divine!
To Thee we dedicate this Hall;
May it with Love and Truth combine
Fraternal Friendship, dear to all.

The following are the names of the Grand and Past Grand Officers who participated in the ceremonies attendant on the Dedication, with the Building Committee and Architect.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. James Hutchinson, Grand Master.
Bro. Peter Williamson, Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. John K. Mitchell, Senior Grand Warden.
Bro. Henry M. Phillips, Junior Grand Warden.
Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, Grand Treasurer.
Bro. William H. Adams, Grand Secretary.

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Bro. G. Remak, Senior Grand Deacon.
Bro. R. Vaux, Junior Grand Deacon.
Bros. C. B. Reess and R. S. Wilson, Grand Stewards.
Bro. Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, Grand Marshal.
Bro. Horace L. Peterson, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. William B. Schnider, Grand Tyler.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Brothers John Chambers, H. W. Ducachet, Kingston Goddard, R. D. Morris, Wm. Cooper, W. H. Reese.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

Bros. Jas. Harper, C. Stevenson, Wm. Barger, Jas. Page, Peter Fritz, Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Bros. Jas. Page, F. Blackburn, W. Carr, Philip R. Engard, John Allan, Charles A. Rubicam.

ARCHITECT.

Bro. Jas. B. Sloan.

NEW MASONIC HALL.

Admit Wm. A. Shumway and Ladies

By Order of the Committee.

ADMISSION TICKET TO NEW MASONIC HALL, Chestnut Street, September 26, 1855.

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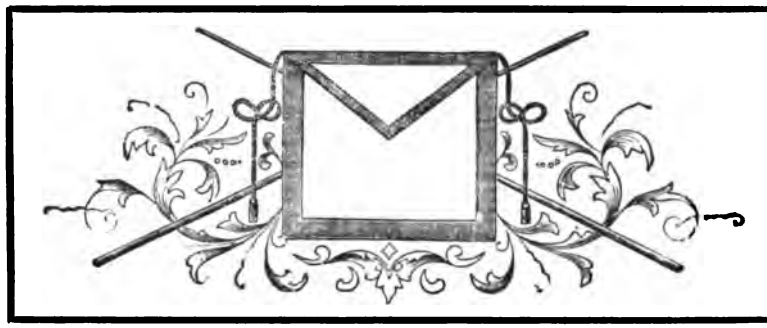

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